Minister backs wider choice

## Clarke points to comeback of the grammar school

BY JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservative party sprung a pre-election surprise yesterday by signal-ling the return of grammar schools as part of a more diverse state education system.

In a significant shift of direction, Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said he would have "no problem" with one grant-maintained school in 10 becoming a grammar

More than 2,000 local authority schools are expected to consider opting out, giving them the opportunity to apply to become grammar schools. if the Conservatives win the general election. Mr Clarke used the BBC's On The Record programme to pla-case Tory hardliners, who have been pressing for a return to selective education. He indicated that grammar

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#### **Avalanches** claim 300

Up to 300 people were feared dead last night after a series of avalanches in Turkey's three eastern provinces at the weekend. Rescuers found 142 bodies, mostly from a single village which disappeared under drifts, and another

last night...... Page 16

Habash plea The French government was asked yesterday to apologise for detaining George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The front said that his detailed and continues and co detention and questioning during a visit for medical treatment was "a mark of disgrace"......Page 10

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Terror tax

The Inland Revenue is to allow companies in Northern Ireland to claim protection money paid to terrorists as a tax-deductible expense. David Trimble, Ulster Unionist MP, plans to question Peter Brooke, Northern Ireland secretary, about it ...... Page 2

Lloyds guilty

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Lloyds Bank has admitted being guilty of "unprofes-sional behaviour" after telling staff at Forwell Group, the office design and fitting, that the company was bankrupt while it was still trying to draw up a rescue \_\_\_\_Page 17

New York £89

A travel company is offer-ing scheduled air tickets from London to New York cheaper than those offered ten years ago on Sir Fred-Laker's collapsed Skytrain venture. The £89 tickets cost £2 more than a first class single rail fare from Edinburgh to Lon-..... Page 16

Springback South Africa is planning a tour of four rugby union games in England in the

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schools could reappear throughout the country, as long as there were not too many in each area.

He has always opposed a return to the mix of grammar and secondary modern. schools created by the 1944 Education Act, and he reiterated that he would not contemplate a two-tier system. Almost 150 grammar schools are left in England and Wales, but others wanting to select pupils on academic ability need the education sec-

retary's permission. Mr Clarke said: "I have no objection to the re-emergence of grammar schools, if that is what parents want ... Parents will decide, schools will decide. I am responding to their demands as they set out the separate characteristics

they want to adopt." The stigma attached to secondary modern schools would be avoided through the growth of technological schools and others with different specialisms. "We have got to get away from the idea that the only good education is an academic education, and the only good qualification is an academic one."

Robert Balchin, chairman of the Grant Maintained Schools' Trust, said that few of the schools opting out were aiming to become selective. but between 5 and 10 per cent might do so under a new Tory government. "A school builds up a specific kind of not be suited to that particular ethos, so it is right that

they should not go there." Both government critics and supporters have seen selection as a logical outcome of the reforms now before Parliament. League tables of schools' results are likely to encourage head teachers to seek the most able pupils to

improve their rating. Lord Griffiths of Fiorestfach, chairman of the School Examinations and Assessment Council, said: "I think that if you give parents real choice in the system, it is inevitable that the schools will demand to choose the

kind of pupils that come." Opposition parties and some teachers' unions have long feared that opting out

gence of grammar schools. Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, said: "The Conservatives are paralysed on this issue because they know that the reintroduction of selection at 11 is not wanted by the majority of parents. It shows how bankrupt Mr Clarke's approach to education is that the only new idea he can come up with was discarded by Margaret Thatcher 20 years ago. The National Union of Teachers said that grammar schools prevented many children fulfilling their potential. "The government's instinct seems always to be to ignore the facts and act on their

David Hart, general secre-tary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that he doubted grant-maintained schools would demand selection. "This is diametrically opposed to what the vast majority of grant-maintained school heads are saying to

Mr Clarke was at the centre of a second controversy yes terday when Mr Straw called for an enquiry into his handling of the government's ex-amination of primary school teaching. Professor Robin Al-exander, of Leeds University, who led the "three wise men" who reported last month, said his report had been hijacked by politicians and misinterpreted by the media.

role played by Mr Clarke and Chris Woodhead, chief execu-tive of the National Curriculum Council and one of the enquiry team. "We need to know more about claims that Chris Woodhead was the voice of Mr Clarke on the

● The Labour party yesterday promised that it would let Muslim schools apply for voluntary-aided status. Derek Farchett, a Labout education spokesman, said on BBC Radio: "We will give a greater cultural reference in all our schools and I think maybe we'll treat much more sympathetically any applications that are forthcoming."

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The Queen at West Newton church, near Sandringham, where she was given flowers yesterday to mark the 40th anniversary on Thursday of her accession

## Labour cries conspiracy over Kinnock 'Kremlin smear

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Kinnock was yesterday at the centre of a political doglight over his attitudes during the early 1980s towards the Soviet Union and the miners' strike after newspaper publication of Kremlin files allegedly detailing his

As Labour raised the profile of the affair by accusing John Major of giving the go-ahead for the dirtiest election campaign of the century, David Mellor infuriated its leaders further by saying that the files underlined their "craven and cringing" approach to the Soviet Union at the height of

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the Cold War. Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy lead-er, accused Mr Mellor of having called into question Mr Kinnock's patriotism, and challenged Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, to disown the Treasury chief

secretary. In ill-tempered exchanges on BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend, Mr Patten rejected Mr Hattersley's interpretation, saying that it was Mr Kinnock's judgment, not his patriotism, that had been called into question by the report in The Sunday Times. Mr Hattersley said that the Tory tactics were clear: Mr Major kept his hands clean while the "rougher and tougher members of the cab-

inet sniped at Mr Kinnock's loyalty to his country. The election phoney war erupted after a detailed report on Labour's relations with the Kremlin in the Brezhnev era. culled from copies of diplomatic telegrams from the Soviet embassy in London to the now disbanded central committee of the Communist party in Moscow. They were allegedly based on meetings over five years between prom-

inent Labour figures such as

Mr Kinnock, Michael Foot

and Denis Healey and Soviet Moscow was told of Mr Kinnock's hostility to Margaret Thatcher's deployment of US nuclear missiles in Britain and to her trade union laws. He told Viktor Popov, the Soviet ambassador, in 1984 that Mrs Thatcher had frightened the British people Era of trust, page 10 now prepared to resist like the Peter Riddell, Diary, page 12

defenders of Stalingrad. Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, had shown himself a

poor general, Mr Kinnock allegedly said. David Hill, Labour's com-munications director, got wind of the story on Friday and launched a swift preemptive strike against a "smear" story involving collusion between Conservative Central Office and its supporters in the press.

In the face of denials by Andrew Neil, editor of The Sunday Times, Gerald Kaufman raised the stakes yesterday by accusing the prime minister of pulling the strings. He said that Mr Major had coined a new slogan: "A smear a day keeps the truth away".

The Conservatives moved swiftly to exploit the opportunity and to suggest that Labour's "over-reaction" was evidence that its nerve was cracking under the pre-election strain. One cabinet minister suggested that Labour had scored an own goal by making such a fuss. It had ensured that the story would run on into the week, and with the ending of the Cold War back in the headlines after Mr Major's UN summit meeting, give the electorate a further reminder of Labour's past weakness on defence.

· But senior Labour officials said that their counter-attack had been vindicated by the way they had shifted attention on to the Tories' links

Mr Mellor and Mr Patten Continued on page 16, col 4

#### **Abductor** linked to food poison threats

By CRAIG SETON

POLICE are investigating whether the kidniapper of Stephanie Slater could be a failed "consumer terrorist" who tried to extort money by threatening to contaminate

supermarket food. Tom Cook, head of a joint police investigation into the abduction of Miss Slater and the murder last year of Julie Dart, said yesterday that pos-sible links were being examined with seven or eight failed attempts at extortion involving demands for up to £200,000 over the past two

Mr Cook, assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire, whose force is working with West Midlands police on the kidnapping, also confirmed that the enquiry was studying other possible links with an attempt to blackmail British Rail late last year. A demand was delivered to BR's London headquarters threatening to sabotage a passenger train unless money was paid. Scotland Yard said yesterday that the regional crime squad had launched Operation Orient when the blackmail demand was received, but gave no

further details. Possible links with other attempts to extort money have widened the hunt for Miss Slater's kidnapper, who escaped with £175,000 last Wednesday night before freeing her after she had been held for eight days. Detectives are almost certain that he is the man who abducted Miss Dart, aged 18, from a street in Leeds last July. She was

found strangled 10 days later. Miss Dart's murderer demanded a ransom of £140,000 and threatened to many letters sent to West Yorkshire police, he also made a threat to firebomb a supermarket in Coventry.

Mr Cook said yesterday that although Miss Slater had given police a description of the man, they had not yet issued a photofit or artist's impression because it was vital that it should be highly, accurate. Miss Slater was blindfolded in captivity.

"We would hope to be finished and have a photofit available by the middle of this week," Mr Cook said.

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## **Peacemaker Yeltsin returns** to grapple with a civil war

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin flew home last night from his triumphant debut at the United Nations and his first summit meeting with President Bush to face a war between two of Russia's commonwealth partners and an atmosphere of

confrontation in Moscow. Mr Bush and the Russian president agreed to hold two summits this year, the first is likely to be held before June in Washington, and the second will be in Moscow.

The most striking outcome of the two men's talks was their affirmation of a new era of partnership and it was clear that Washington no longer perceives Mr Yeltsin as rough and ready, or even a drunk and a demagogue.

Richard Gephardt, the Democrat leader of the House of Representatives, said he was "very impressed" by the Rus-

The joint declaration by Mr Bush and Mr Yeltsin pledged that Russia and America would remove all remnants of Cold War hostility. "From now on we do not consider ourselves to be potential enemies. That is the historic value of this meeting," Mr Yeltsin said. The two leaders also said that they would work to support democracy, resolve regional conflicts, counter terrorism and prevent nuclear proliferation.

As the Russian president

returned to Moscow, leaders

of the embattled ethnic Arme-

a solution to the Karabakh problem," a senior official said, "it would at least help to stop pointless bloodshed."

#### nian community in Nagomo-Karabakh, a mountainous enclave of Azerbaijan, welcomed his proposal that Uni-ted Nations forces should be sent to the region. Mr Yeltsin out forward the plan after his meeting at the United Na-tions on Thursday. "While this step would not of itself be

The Russian authorities seem powerless to stop the fierce fighting between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces in the disputed enclave. In the latest fighting, rockets rained Continued on page 16, col 8

## Signing up for a fortune, with nibs of gold

By MARTIN WALLER

WHEN, or perhaps if, the ink has dried on a contract consigning Parker Pen to new owners, many of the company's executives will find themselves enjoying a new-found status as millionaires and celebrating the spectacular vindication of their faith in the product and that Eighties phenomenom, the manage-

Parker went on the market in late 1985, when its owner, the American staff agency Manpower, relying on mass sales, despaired of bringing it back into profit. As a group, the com-pany was losing \$20 million a year. But in Europe, where the up-market nature of the product was emphasised, the operation was in profit to the tune of E10 million a year, and a group of 30 executives decided to risk a personal

investment in their expertise. It cost them just £300,000 - or £10,000 per head. In a finale to one of the most extraordinary management success sto-ries of the past decade, a London mer-chant bank will this week ask potential buyers from around the world for bids in the region of £300 million for Parker. A quarter of this will go to the managers who gambled all.

The biggest beneficiary will be Jacques Margry, aged 64, the chief executive, who has 5 per cent of the shares and has worked for Parker for 42 years. His shares will be worth £15 million if the target price is reached. Of the top 30 managers, seven or eight own 15 per cent of the company. Another 70 employees will benefit from share options. some granted at a tenth of the current value. Mr Margry said last night: "This great success has been, in financial anybody else. The first motivation was to save jobs and see if we could do worldwide what we were doing in Епторе." Backed by a British venture capital

fund, Schroder Ventures, the European management scraped together the necessary money to take a quarter of the company. Schroder Wagg, a related merchant bank, is now looking for a buyer to turn that investment into a multi-million pound windfail. But of course that ink still has to dry.

Parker has twice before been left at the altar. A flotation was scuppered by the 1987 market crash, and a deal three years ago to sell the company for £180 million to Pentland Industries, a British group that had made a fortune with a stake in the Reebok sports shoe business, fell through.



## Brooke challenged over tax relief on extortion payments

BY DAVID YOUNG

PETER Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, is to be asked why the Inland Revenue is to allow companies in the province to claim protection money paid to IRA and Loyalist paramilitary groups as a legitimate tax-deductible business expense.

David Trimble, Ulster Unionist MP, will raise the matter with Mr Brooke. He said: "It is outrageous that the taxpayer is now effectively subsidising terrorism. How can we on one hand ask businesses to stand firm against terrorism and then on the other hand allow protection money to be tax

Mr Trimble, member for Upper Bann, added: "It would be impossible to quan-tify how much money is being paid out in Northern Ireland in extortion payments, but it is likely to run into millions of

pounds." In an internal memo to its Northern Ireland controller, the Inland Revenue says: "Expenditure can still be wholly and exclusively for the purposes of a trade even though the trader is acting illegally in incurring the

Though payments to prevent attacks on shops, offices and factories could be classed as a legitimate business expense, money paid to protect individuals from harm does not count, the Inland Revenue has said. The memo concedes that there is no way of checking if money claimed has actually been paid.

Inland Revenue sources in Northern Ireland said they had not seen any accounts in which a business had put in a claim saying outright that protection money was being paid. Some have been classing protection money as payment for security, and claims to the taxman for security machinery or staff have been passed as acceptable as a

The Inland Revenue said that it would be up to each company to argue its case with their tax inspector. At least 12 companies are un-derstood to have answered an appeal from Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary. to tell his office if they are paying protection money.

Seamus Mallon, the deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party and MP for Newry and Armagh has also called for a detailed investigation.

After co-ordinated IRA bomb attacks on three big Belfast hotels on Saturday night, the chairman of the SDLP, Alban Maginness, said that the IRA was em-barked on a scorched-earth

policy.
"It is a whole strategy aimed at creating as much destruction and economic deprivation as possible," Mr Maginness said. "More people are out of work in a campaign designed to under-mine the work of those re-

building the city."

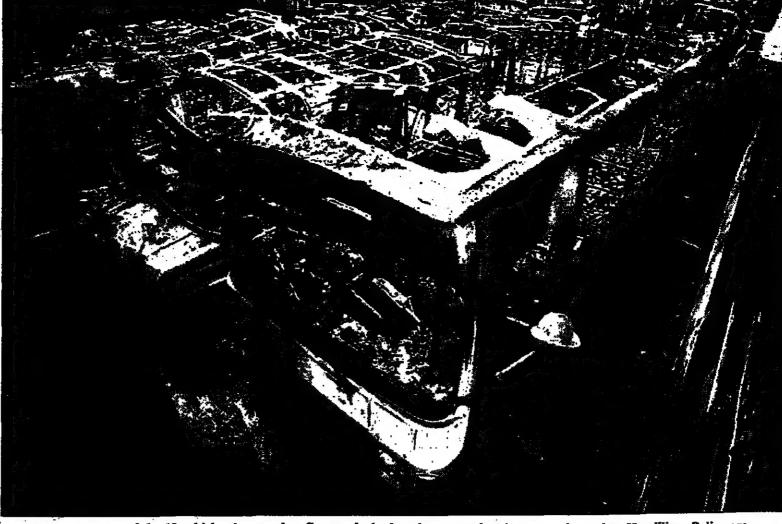
The future of the 90 employees of the Lansdowne Court Hotel was unclear yesterday as police combed through the wreckage of a fierce fire started by three hold-all bombs. The lounge and restaurant were crowded when a number of masked men who had held up security staff on the gate at gunpoint entered to plant the devices and shouted warnings before

Belfast attack, a Hyundai car exploded in the car park of the Beachlawn Hotel on the south side of the city, where a wedding reception with nearly 200 guests was taking place. Although there was no warning, there were no casu-alties, and damage was relatively light.

At about the same time,

another car bomb exploded at the Drumkeen Hotel in East Belfast, again causing only slight damage and no injuries. Hundreds of guests nothing was found.

An RUC spokesman said:



Burnt out: some of the 18 vehicles destroyed as fire wrecked a bus depot, causing damage estimated at £2 million. Police are treating the fire as suspicious. The fire at the Midland Red depot in Stafford began at about 1 am yesterday

#### Kinnock and the Kremlin

## Why Labour shouted 'foul'

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A SHARP-EARED radio listener alerted the Labour high command to the Sunday Times story about the Neil Kinnock files in the Kremlin. He heard Ivan Fallon, dep-

uty editor of The Sunday Times, hinting, on an LBC current affairs programme, at a difficult weekend ahead for the Labour leader and telephoned Mr Kinnock's private office on Friday. The tipoff was passed to David Hill, Labour's communications chief, who by then was receiving independent corroboration that one of the country's most influential newspapers was about to divert the preelection political agenda on to 'dangerous territory" for

Other papers began calling Labour's press office and the party's suspicions were fur-ther aroused by an invitation to Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, to join Andrew Neil, editor of

The Sunday Times on his Sunday morning radio chat show. Another clue came from a leaked internal memorandum from Nick Sheldon, the paper's circulation manager, which alerted his staff to a forthcoming controversial story about a political leader.

Jack Cunningham, Labour's campaigns chief, and Mr Kinnock were out of town on Friday. But Mr Hill, aged

43, had little doubt about his

## Story overhyped, editor says

WHILE politicians and the terday with the alleged smear campaign against Neil Kinnock, the editor at the centre of the controversy Europa Hotel in the centre of | been overhyped on bill-Belfast after a warning, but | boards (Alison Roberts

Mr Kinnock found an un-"Such gangsterism cannot be usual ally in The Mail on tolerated in a civilised Sunday, which was critical of the The Sunday Times tele-

posters proclaiming "Offi-cial: Kinnock's Kremlin Connection." Andrew Nell, edi-tor of The Sunday Times, all but agreed. "I think the bilnot write the advertisements and they were done while I was in Washington. I think they overhyped the story. We didn't do that in the tele-vision ads which were

checked by me and we cer-

paper." He defended his de-cision to run the report based on the findings of Fim Sebas-tian, a former BBC Moscow

The Sunday Telegraph, sup-porters of the Conservative party, said the article was based on notes doctored by Lev Parchin, director of intelligence-gathering at the Soviet embassy.

Central Office and its media riends and said that from now on he would confront political chicanery head on and expose the guilty scribes. "Tory editors and owners are going to hear the sound of me spitting into the wind." Bolstered by such encouragement, Mr Hill might have

gone public immediately. But he did not act alone. He his home near Newcastle upon Tyne, while Mr Kinnock's London office kept in touch with their leader. At 4pm Mr Hill telephoned

Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, writing in The Times, had criticised the Daily Mail

in particular and the Tory

tabloids in general. Ironical

y, he had exonerated The

Sunday Times, pointing to its

excoriation of Norman La-mont's chancellorship and

praising its capacity for bal-

anced argument and occa-

sional heresy. He denounced

the "corrupt compact" that

existed between Conservative

Mr Neil to ask about the nature of the story and came away with the impression that the editor was being "dis-ingenuous". Mr Neil regard-ed the material unearthed in the Kremlin's files as fascinating stuff but denied that it was a cause for concern for Mr Kinnock. Newspaper placards trumpeting "Kinnock — the Kremlin con-nection" told a different story in Labour eyes.

At 5pm on Friday, the die was cast. Mr Hill spoke to Mr Kinnock and got his blessing for a pre-emptive strike. He also spoke to Mr Hattersley. There was "absolute unanimity" that it was time to take the Tory press head on, Mr Hill said yesterday.

An hour later, selected political correspondents were given Mr Hill's denunciation of the planned "smear campaign". By evening, reporters from The Times, The Daily Telegraph, The Guardian, The Independent, Daily Mirror and Financial Times began breaking the story. Labour was not so much spitting into the wind as turning

a torrent on the elements. It has become a common place to suggest that the elec-tion will be the dirtiest in living memory. Labour has called "foul" first, and transformed a story about what Mr Kinnock did in the Cold War into one about the motives of much of Fleet Street, making broadcasters doubly careful about rehearsing the tabloid line. The refer-ee is going to be busy.

#### Mellor skirts VAT question

A refusal by David Mellor. chief secretary to the Treasury, to rule out any widening in the scope of value-added tax was seized on by Labour yesterday to revive its charge that the government has a hidden agenda for indirect taxation (Nicholas Wood

The Opposition's "Vatman" poster campaign, insisting that ministers secretly intend to push up VAT to 22 per cent, has been overshadowed by John Major's unequivocal pledge in the Commons that the rate will not be raised from its present 17 12 per cent over the lifetime of the next Parliament. However, Mr Mellor's refusal to give an equivalent pledge on the possibility of extending VAT to zero-rated items, such as children's clothing and food, provoked a renewed

Questioned by David Frost on TV-am. Mr Mellor fell back on the standard Treasury line that the government had "no plans" to widen the VAT base. "Chancellors have always been reluctant to totally rule out things because no-

body knows what is round the corner," he said. The Labour party said: "Mr Mellor has made a most extraordinary admission. By using the phrase 'no plans' he is making it clear that the government is now seriously thinking about widening the scope of VAT."

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#### EC aid dispute

Bruce Millan, the Brussels commissioner blocking £900 million of EC aid for Britain's poorest regions, was accused yesterday of double standards by Edward McMillan-Scott, MEP for York. The Tory. who will see John Major today, said he had discovered that Italy was receiving £5 billion in EC assistance while applying the same rules on distribution as those that had held up Britain's share.

#### Obscenity plea

The Court of Appeal will be asked this week to decide whether consenting partici-pants in sado-masochism can properly be brought before the courts. Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, with Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Potts, will today begin hearing appeals by seven men sentenced at the Central Criminal Court in 1990 for obscenity and violence against each other

Glasgow goes
The Glasgow Herald, so named in 1805 after foundation in 1783 as the Glasgow Advertiser, drops the name of its home city from its title today. Arnold Kemp, editor of The Herald, which sold on average 120,468 copies a day last year, said: "The change reflects our substantial growth in circulation and our intention to consolidate The Herald's position as Scot-land's leading newspaper."

#### · CORRECTION

On the front page of Weekend Times on January 25, the spelling and location of Bushy Park, the royal park next to Hampton Court in southwest London, was inadvertently given as Bushey Park, Hertfordshire.

## Reynolds tipped for Haughey job

A FORMER manager of a string of dance halls in Ire-land has emerged as the favourite to step into Charles Haughey's shoes as leader of the governing Fianna Fall party and Irish prime

Albert Reynolds, one of Mr Haughey's sternest critics, is poised for victory when Fianna Fail deputies vote for a new leader on Thursday after Bertie Ahern, the Irish finance minister, indicated yesterday that he would not enter the contest.

Mr Ahern, who was Mr Haughey's preferred choice for the leadership, made his decision after a long meeting with Mr Reynolds on Saturday night. The two men are believed to have drawn up a pact detailing what cabinet job Mr Ahern would get. Mr Reynolds is said to have agreed to a drive against unemployment. which stands in the republic at 20

Mr Haughey will resign immediately before Thurs-day's leadership ballot. He announced his intention last week after a public dispute over allegations about his part in a ten-year-old tele-

phone tapping scandal. Mr Reynolds, a pet-food million-aire, will still face a challenge in the leadership ballot from Mary O'Rourke, the health minister, but few commentators believe she has enough deputies behind her to secure victory. The Reynolds camp yesterday claimed it had the support of 40 out of 77

deputies. Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, said yesterday on ITV's Walden programme that he was con-fident that peace talks in Ulster would resume after the general election.



Reynolds: struck deal

## Agency aims to fill empty homes

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

least 20,000 empty proper-ties into use for the homeless over the next two years will be launched today by Sir George Young, the housing minister. The Empty Homes Agency will act as a broker, bringing the owners of some of England's 760,000 empty houses and flats into contact and other agencies.

introduce owners of property to users of property," Antony Fletcher, an environment department consultant on empty homes and a founder of the agency, said. "Empty homes are an affront to the homeless and those in need of a good home. These are wasted assets and opportunities for

ing particularly of retail chains, government depart-ments or developers who have large stocks of property who do not know how they can be

ing Act, which had ended protected tenancies and set up assured shorthold tenanwith housing associations

"There is no public or private body whose job is to people to live in decent

conditions." The agency was aimed at corporate property owners, rather than individuals, he said. It would advise owners and users, and produce legal agreements. "We are think-

AN AGENCY to bring at used. Keeping homes empty least 20,000 empty proper- is bad business and it is not Changes in the 1988 Hous-

> cles, meant owners felt happy to let, as they knew that they could remove tenants if need be, Mr Fletcher said. "Renting used to have a bad image. but that has changed." He cited the City Road Mission in London as an example of what could be achieved. Two years ago, the property, owned by a private developer, was almost derelict. Only five of its 100 rooms were occupied. Four months later, 45 flats were occupied

set up with St Mungo's Housing Association. The project has provided shelter to 200 people.

The new agency is backed by Dr George Carey, Arch-bishop of Canterbury, Jim Coulter, director of the National Federation of Housing Associations, and Mark Scothern, director of Crisis. It has funding from charitable organisations including the

Joseph Rowntree Foun-

after a partnership deal was

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## Moscow's radical police chief visits the Yard

Arkadi Murashev, aged 33. was law and order had largely been con-

last August's failed coup.

A physicist with a schoolboy grin, Mr Murashev's first action on arrival at the barracks from which he commands the 120,000-strong Moscow force was to consult his own file. He was not displeased to find himself described as a "typical organisational abilities".

fighting hard for extra resources and higher salaries on behalf of a force whose pay and conditions are

> help with training and technology when he meets his counterparts in the Metropolitan Police after a weekend in Cambridge with his old triend, the dissident Vladimir

interest in Moscow becoming a place which it is safe to visit and do business in. He also wants to learn about Britain's experience in race relations - and its relevance to a city where racial tension is increasing. One of the first crises he had to defuse in Moscow was a strike by taxi drivers demanding that all

#### FROM BRUCE CLARK ular among a flurry of promotions of policeman's policeman. He has liberals and radicals to establishsought to mitigate the resentment of professional police officers by ment posts which took place after

THE head of the Moscow police is to visit Scotland Yard this week to find out whether a policeman's lot is happier in London than in the Russian capital.

named head of the Moscow police department last September. His previous dealings with the forces of fined to tense negotiations ahead of anti-Communist street demonstrations that he was organising. His appointment was the most spectac-

neo-Bolshevik ... with exceptional

In office, the former co-ordinator of the inter-regional parliamentary group headed by Boris Yeltsin and Andrei Sakharov has proved to a poor by international standards. Mr Murashev will be looking for trans Caucasians be expelled.

The Russian proposes to tell his opposite numbers that all western

Mr Murashev's wife Olga. founder of a new charity which looks after the widows of policemen killed in action, hopes to visit the 122-year-old Metropolitan Police wid-ows and orphans fund at its offices countries, including Britain, have an in Putney.

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#### The abduction of Stephanie Slater

## Police link kidnapper with threat to BR

BY CRAIG SETON AND STEWART TENDLER

POLICE confirmed yesterday that the man who kidnapped Stephanie Slater and is suspected of murdering Julie Dart last year is also being sought for trying to blackmail British Rail by threatening to derail a passenger train.

A demand for £150,000, with a threat to sabotage an InterCity train somewhere in the North, was delivered to British Rail headquarters in London last autumn, Scotland Yard confirmed.

The blackmailer delivered part of his instructions for a payment from British Rail by maching his message to a large piece of stone left dangling over a railway bridge in

Scotland Yard's section of the regional crime squad net-

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work has been leading the hunt for the blackmailer in an operation codenamed Orient. lead by Det Chief Supt Pat Fleming. Officers throughout the country have been involved in the hunt.

Yesterday, police disclosed that the man may also have been involved in seven or eight failed attempts at extortion involving threats to contaminate food in supermarkets and food stores.

Scotland Yard sources said the threat to attack a specific line had been taken very seri-ously. The blackmailer had included a diagram of how he could carry out his threat. He wanted two policewomen to carry the cash in used bank notes and stand on a platform at Crewe near a call box. The.

## How police create profile of killer

POLICE searching for the kidnapper of Stephanie Slater, the estate agent, and the killer of Julie Dart, the teenager, are using the techniques of psychological profiling to build up a picture of the man believed to be responsible for both crimes.

The profile they have drawn up portrays a man who enjoys engaging the police in a battle of wits in which the victim is merely a device for attracting attention. The fact that Miss Slater escaped with her life tends to confirm that murder is not the man's main motivation.

The two crimes may be linked to earlier failed attempts at extortion. Tom Cook, assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire, said vesterday. Mr Cook, who is heading a joint enquiry into the murder and kidnap, said most of the earlier incidents were blackmail attempts

The technique of psychological profiling tries to identify common features in the behaviour of known offenders and tie them to evidence from the crime being investigated. In the Dart case, the profile suggests that the killer lives alone and is technically

The profiling technique has been pioneered by the FBFs behavioural science unit and by Professor David Canter, a psychologist at Surrey University. The FBI team began its investigations by interviewing some of America's most notorious killers, includ-

£85m fall in

training

'not a cut'

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

THE employment depart-

long-term unemployed.

tial policy document, was a

training and enterprise coun-

cils (Tecs) would have under-

not represent a cut in govern-

ment spending," a spokes-

man said.

indicates that the criminal has recently been released

from a mental hospital. Professor Canter said yesterday that knowledge of derails, usually not made public, can help to identify the type of



earlier blackmail cases

ing the mass killer Charles Manson. The FBI's researches have found that sexual sadists are also people who like to drive a lot, while a single neat feature like a carefully-cleaned bath in the middle of a murder scene



semi-skilled man. Violence

person who had committed a crime. If a body were methodically concealed, it indicated that the killer was a far in excess of what was required could indicate a drug user or a heavy drinker. The length of time a criminal spent with his victim could also provide dues. For instance, a married man would need to go home regularly so as not to make his wife

time for the handover was given in the personal column of a national newspaper. The form. The telephone rang. but the caller hung up. A second attempt at a rendez-yous failed. The calls are said to have been traced to the Sheffield area.

Yesterday, there was con-sternation in police ranks that. details of the blackmail attempt had been leaked. There may now be friction between, and within, forces over how-or why it was disclosed. Tom Cook, assistant chief

constable of West Yorkshire, who is leading the joint inves-tigations with West Midlands police into the abduction of the estate agent Stephanie Slater from Birmingham and the kidnapping and murder of Julie Dart, aged 18, last year, said yesterday. There are possible links between our enquiries and the demand delivered to British Rail." Police believe that there

may be links that demand and the Dart case because of similarities in the way that demands were couched and instructions attached. There is suspicion that the blackmailer he may have tried to make at least one other large demand on a major company. The possibility that the man has made serious threats before in an attempt to extort money has increased fears that he may strike again.

Miss Slater, aged 25, was kidnapped on January 22 when she kept an appointment with a middle-aged man calling himself "Bob Southwall" at a house for sale at Great Barr, Birmingham. She was released on Thursday after being held for eight days by a man who made threats against her life and who escaped with a £175,000 ransom, in spite of a West Midlands police-led opera-tion involving 1,000 officers from six forces. He collected the ransom on Wednesday night from a lonely, fogbound spot near Barnsley, West Yorkshire, after Kevin Watts, Miss Slater's manager, left it on disused railway bridge.

West Midlands police have refused to confirm that the money was placed on a tray, which the abductor pulled from the bridge and into a cutting 50ft below using a length of fishline or rope. Police are almost certain

Miss Slater's kidnapper is the man who abducted Miss Dart, aged 18, from Leeds last year. Her body was found near Grantham, Lincolnshire. A ransom demand for E140,000 had been made.

Poison threat, page 1

#### Eleven killed in fog and ice accidents

By Louise Hidalgo

FOG and ice caused accidents in which at least 11 people died and scores were

ment vesterday accused Labour of misinterpreting a njured over the weekend. leaked report which, the Op-Five firefighters were treated for hypothermia last night position claims, shows a cut after plunging into a lake in of £85 million in government spending on training the Sideup, Kent, to rescue people feared trapped in a The department said the sunken car. The car was figure, taken from a confiden-

found to be empty.
Police criticised drivers for ignoring warnings and travprojection for how much elling too fast. More than 200 vehicles were involved in separate incidents on a half-mile spent for the year on their stretch of the Al in South budget for employment train-Yorkshire as drivers hit dense ing, which helps adults out of pockets of fog. In the worst of work for six months. "It does the pile-ups, near Doncaster. three people died and 23 were

Labour had claimed that Freezing fog caused delays the report showed training and diversions at airports. schemes for adults and Luton airport was closed yesterday morning and passenschool-leavers were "in a state gers were being transferred to

Manchester, Gatwick and

A retired postman and his sister-in-law died in a headon collision near Invershin, Sutherland, yesterday. A 10month-old girl died in a headon crash yesterday morning when the car she was travelling in and another vehicle collided on the A62 at Mirfield, West Yorkshire. Four other people, two of whom are believed to be seriously hurt, were being treated

In Cornwall, three people died and the Redruth to Falmouth road was blocked for three and a half hours after two vehicles crashed entering the village of Lanner in thick fog late on Saturday. Two pregnant women were seriously injured in the accident.



Net loss: David Rees, whose family have been fishing from coracles on the river Towy since 1620

which the police and insur-

ance industry increasingly depend, and Mark Dalrym-

ple, a fine art loss adjustor. Det Chief Supt Peter Gwynn, of the City of London police,

Works of art worth an esti-

mated £2 billion are stolen in

this country annually, and

hardly any are retrieved.

will represent the police.

#### Coracle men sunk by licence increase

BYTIM JONES

THE last coracle fishermen in Britain say that greed is forcing them out of business. of men in southwest Wales

For decades, a small band have manoeuvred their unlikely cockleshell craft on the Towy and Teify rivers in Dyfed, to harvest the salmon and sea trout which head upstream to spawn.

Hearing dark rumours that they are being priced out to make way for rich English anglers, the coracle men are to petition David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, to ask him to prevent planned increases in their licence fees. Their action follows a National Rivers Authority decision to increase the licence fee on the Towy from £389 to £420 on March 1. St David's day. Five years ago, it was £45. Only 25 men are now li-

censed to fish from coracles, operating in pairs to suspend a net across the river. The occupation requires a great deal of skill although the lath and calico baskets are far more resilient than they look.

David Rees, one of the peritioners, said: "Members of my family have been on the river at least since 1620 and it seems we are now being driven out by the NRA.

The NRA said it was nonsense to suggest that there was any plot to price the

is packed with pictures and

descriptions of stolen items from all over the world. Nota-

ble examples include the Tate

Gallery's portrait of Francis

Bacon by Lucien Freud. The project is the initiative of

Martin Monestier, a French

author whose of titles include

Collective Suicide through

History and The Effects of

## Fine art world combines to stop thefts

By Sarah Jane Checkland, saleroom correspondent

The rest of Europe does not

do much better. France has

60 specialist officers, but The

Netherlands has one and Spain none, and different countries have different laws

on right of title. In Britain.

title tends to stay with the original owner, in Switzer-

land, it can pass if the item is

sold at auction, and in Japan

THE proliferation of international art thefts soon could be checked after an initiative by members of the British fine

The Council for the Preventhe Council for the Preven-tion of Art Theft (Copat) will be headed by Sir Thomas Ingilby, of Ripley Castle, North Yorkshire, who has al-ready set up the highly effect-ive "Stately Homes Hotline" whereby owners contact each other when burglars have struck. Members will include Philip Saunders, the manag-ing director of Trace, the pri-

vately run art theft circular on

BY JOHN O'LEARY

#### Lords may revolt over education

HIGHER EDUCATION COMPRESPONDENT

FEARS that two-year degrees might be imposed on British universities are expected to prompt a new revolt in the House of Lords tonight against the government's higher education reforms.

Ministers have re-drafted amendments to the Further and Higher Education Bill to avoid charges of endangering academic freedom by giving themselves too much power

Lord Belstead, the pay master general, had to agree to reconsider the original proposals to avoid a defeat at the report stage. New clauses to be introduced at tonight's third reading will satisfy vicechancellors' demands that intervention should be restricted to cases of financial mismanagement. However, the government is gambling that the Lords will leave intact the proposed powers over course lengths.

The bill is already in danger of running out of time in the event of an April election. delaying the polytechnics' acquisition of university status and endangering the separation of further education col-Forecast, page 16 leges from local authorities.

largely because of the lack of if the new owner holds on to whereby rewards are paid to Music on Plants. He says he co-ordinated intelligence beinformants after an art is fascinated by the art works tween police forces. Only nine After a year in which anthat have disappeared from their rightful homes. The • The first International tique shops throughout the out of 51 forces have specialcountry have been raided and half a dozen removal vans been published privately in this country by Trace Publistolen, members of Copat France. The I.100-page book book is being distributed in this country by Trace Publications of Plymouth, at £65. ist squads, and there is no country have been raided and central computerised list of half a dozen removal vans stolen objects for the police. It's a phone.

have started to campaign for

the clarification and

harmonisation of interna-

tional laws on the sale and ownership of stolen items.
They are also lobbying to

eliminate the system whereby

under English law title for

goods can pass if they are sold

in certain street markets, and

to review the present system

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## Art-buyer is stung by a fake fake

A pawnbroker has become the victim of the ultimate art world irony. He bought a painting by Britain's bestknown forger only to find that it is, itself, a fake.

The London pawnbroker, whose identity has not been disclosed, handed over £1,500 for a landscape bearing the signature "Tom Keating" believing he had got a bargain because acknowledged fakes by Keating and some of his original paintings have sold for sever-

al thousand pounds. The painting of a typical river scene in Dedham Vale, Essex, where Keating lived ago, carried a certificate saying it had fetched £17,000 at a sale of Keating's work. Phillips the auctioneers has discovered that the painting was not included in that sale. Michael Wright, their Keating expert, also decided the painting was not genu-ine. "It just doesn't look com-petent enough." he said. The pawnbroker sought a

second opinion from John Brandler, a Keating specialist and gallery owner at Brentwood, Essex. He said: "It is atrocious, and the sig-nature is not even accurate." This first documented ex-

ample of a fake Keating will frighten the art world, which

work by an artist who spent most of his career forging other people's paintings. "This is likely to turn into a very successful line of busi-

ness," Brian Sewell, the art critic, said. "Some modern painters think that if they take an Old Master and do it badly enough, they can pass it off as a Keating. But his fakes were good enough to convince people in many leading museums.

Keating's paintings are not expected to have a "history" because of his unorthodox career. So the arrival of unknown work by him would create less suspicion than the has foreseen the problem of judging the authenticity of arrival of an unrecorded Old Master. Keating is also at

risk of being copied because he used modern canvas and failed to sign several of his own paintings as well, of course, as his fakes. He was unmasked by The

Times in 1976 as the painter of works supposedly by Samuel Palmer which had fetched record prices in London's Bond Street galleries. He was charged with fraud but the trial was abandoned because of his poor health. He later became a television personality, demonstrating how to fake the Old Masters

The record price for his work at auction is £27,500 and that sort of money has Co Sex

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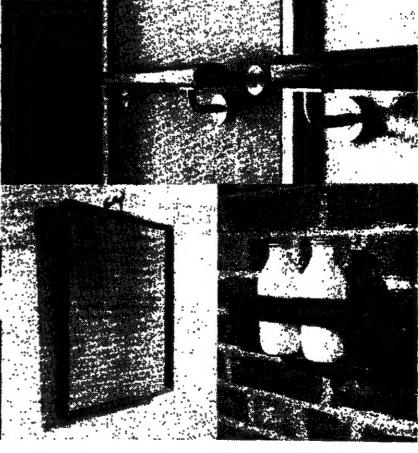
which often seem to display a total lack of consideration towards blind people.

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## Spending curbs land thrifty Wigan with 20% poll tax rise

By Douglas Broom, Local Government correspondent

ATTEMPTS by the government to restrain local council spending are about to backfire by pushing up poll tax bills in some of the poorest parts of England.

While non-payment is expecied to add an average of 8 per cent to the government's target of £257 a head for the year starting in April, spending curbs are likely to increase bills by between 19 and 35 per cent. Local authorities in the North-West and Yorkshire will be worst affected by the government's refusal to increase so-called standard spending assessments for some councils in line with

Before the introduction of the poll tax, councils were able to compensate for shortfalls in grant by comparatively modest rises in domestic and business rates which accounted for roughly half their income. Today councils are almost wholly reliant on the government which controls 85 per cent of their income through grants and centrally determined business rates.

Increasing the poll tax, which accounts for only 15 per cent of council income, to cover a shortfall leads to sharper rises in bills than under the rates.

Barnsley, Doncaster, Rochdale, Rotherham, Sheffield, St Helens, Wakefield and Wigan have said that the poil tax will have to rise by more than 10 per cent to compensate for lower than expected rises in government grant. Rochdale is predicting a 35 per cent rise from £249 to £335 and Sheffield 30 per cent. Wigan is likely to have to.

put its £268 poll tax up by 20 per cent to about £320, in spite of poll tax capping.

that the government mea-

sures when setting spending

limits. Unemployment in the

borough is 10.2 per cent,

among the highest in any

metropolitan area. The area

has the second worst mortal-

ity rate of any urban area.

largely due to the legacy of mining and the cotton indus-

try. Work-related illness

means that many men in

their 50s are retired and in

need of services such as home

elps.
The spending assessment

formula takes no account of

those factors. It gives weight

to criteria such as the number

of new Commonwealth immi-

grants and one-parent families. Wigan has few such

Peter Smith, the council's

leader, said: "We are suffer-

ing because the spending as-sessment formula takes no

account of what we need to

fit the formula. It must be

changed to fit us." Philip Grayling, the council treasur-

er, said: "The problem is not

high spending. It is an implausibly low standard spend-

The environment depart-

ment said: "The government is in a better position to look

at the national position in terms of how much the coun-

try can afford and how it

should be distributed."

end. We cannot change to

people in either category.

Wigan has become a byword for the inadequacy of the grant system. Praised by ministers and the Audit Commission for its efficiency, the borough council has had to make £37 million worth of cuts in the past two years. It has been forced to shed 1,250 staff from a workforce already smaller than the national average and spends less on services than many Conservative councils. It also has one of the best records of poll tax

This year the council, run by Labour moderates, is spending £899 per person on £1,448 in neighbouring Lab-our-controlled Manchester. Last year it was placed twelfth out of 104 education authorities in a league table of GCSE results in spite of spending £510 a head on its schools, compared to Manchester's

For all its parsimony the council's spending assess-ment will increase in April by just 4.6 per cent, which is almost three percentage points below the national average. While Manchester will be allowed to spend £1,488 per adult Wigan will be allowed just £898.

As a result the Labour group on the council meets tonight to decide on a package of cuts expected to total £15 million. More than 750 of the council's 14,000 staff are also likely to lose their

Wigan's difficulties stem from the fact that its social



Dented pride: the Jaguar XJ220 after its painful but necessary trip into a brick wall

## Technical curiosity vindicates the cat

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THIS is what happens when you smash the world's most expensive production car into a brick wall at 30mph. This picture should reassure buyers who have paid a £50,000 deposit for the £340,000 Jaguar XJ220 that they will own a car with the turance and toughness of a fully-fledged racing car.
It was taken at the Motor

Industry Research Association, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, where all cars on sale in Britain have to undergo the simple, but revealing,

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test. Richard Owen, the engineers' brief was to deproject's chief engineer, used the racing experience of the sign the world's fastest car already tested at 212.3mph company's world champion-- and bring the best acrodyship-winning JaguarSport namic and racing safety feateam to design a car capable of withstanding powerful impacts. For some manufactures to a road car. What is learnt at JaguarSport's small factory at Blocham, near Banbury, turers, the test has proved difficult. One car maker is Oxfordshire, during the

prototypes before passing. Jaguar's prototypes are made of a complex honeycombed aluminium structure used widely in aircraft and racing cars. The

reputed to have sacrificed 30

steel cage surrounds driver and passenger. Required to withstand a pressure of 1.5 times its own 1.7 tonnes, engineers stopped testing when they passed ten tonnes.

In the test, the impact was absorbed by the front of the car. The windscreen remained intact, the doors opened and the headlamps building of the XJ220 is being passed on to Jaguar's designers at its Coventry worked. Inside, the steering column had moved only half headquarters and could appear on more familiar

odels in years to come. In

the XJ220 an aluminium and

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#### **Bail hostel** staff hold ballot after attacks

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

PROBATION officers are to be balloted on industrial action over staffing in hostels for offenders and people on bail. Probation officers are lemanding that at least two members of staff be on duty in the hostels after increases in assaults on staff, criminal damage, abusive behaviour and drunkenness. Incidents most often occur at night. when many hostels have only one member of staff on duty. According to an analysis of 203 reported incidents at 12 hostels in the past two years, there were 25 assaults on staff with iron bars or pieces of wood. The survey, by the National Association of Probation Officers, found 48 assaults on residents in fights. Officers are to be asked to support action in which they would refuse to refer offenders to hostels without two members of staff on duty at all times. There are more than 100 hostels providing 2.400 places in England and Wales, and a further 1,200 places are expected to be provided in a government drive for more punishment to be in the community, instead of jail. The association says that members will be more at risk as the service begins dealing

with more serious offenders. Last night, the Home Office said that while it was concerned about attacks on staff in ball hostels, most of them had seven supervisory staff, up from five three years ago.

#### Work on Globe to resume

BY SIMON TAIT

THE NEXT phase of recreating Shakespeare's Globe four centuries ago at Southbegin this month, even though all the money needed for the work has not yet been

Sam Wanamaker, the American actor and director who has worked on the venture for 12 years, has ordered that construction work begin after getting agreement from trustees of the appeal.

Sir David Orr, chairman of the Shakespeare Globe Theatre Trust, said the recession had hit the Globe Appeal, causing a delay of 18 months since phase one foundations were completed."

The second phase will create a museum and a hall for an exhibition on the Shakespearian age. The theatre is to be built in the third phase. The appeal is for £8.5 million. A further £3.5 million is to be sought for the theatre.

#### Robinson to visit **Ulster**

MARY Robinson, the Irish president, is expected to pay her first official visit to Belfast tomotrow, although officials in Belfast and Dublin are

reasons.

The Northern Ireland office is also anxious that her visit should not be marred by demonstrations

Although Mrs Robinson has expressed sympathy for the unionist viewpoint and is well regarded by many loyalists, supporters of Ian Paisley are certain to protest at any such visit as long as the re-public maintains its constitutional claim to Ulster.

On her election Mrs Robinvisit the north but has crossed the border only once since then, for the installation at Armagh of the Primate of All Ireland, Cardinal Cahai Daly. She sat with Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, for the rugby international in Dublin on Janu-

ary 18 and with the prime

minister John Major at

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#### Twickenham on Saturday. Adverts bring more to church

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

the Church of England's Oxford diocese grew by up to a quarter following an advertising campaign over

One third of the clergy were asked to compare church attendance with the previous Christmas. They reported an average increase of 17.5 per cent, with up to 25 per cent more people in some churches. One vicar wrote: "We will

have to revise our Christmas programme if we are going to continue to get such large numbers. Overall attendance was enormous: 220 at the crib service and 145 at midnight, and we can

only sear 125. The diocese advertised on radio and in newspapers, and on posters and car stickers. The campaign was praised by George Carey.

Archbishop of Canterbury. The Rev Richard Thomas, one of the organisers. said: "There is no doubt that advertising helped get our message across, but this increase is part of a growing trend across all denominations and in all areas of the

The reversal in the decline of the church in Oxford began more than three years ago. Between 1988

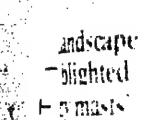
CONGREGATIONS in and 1989, the number of active church members increased from 66,300 to 66,700. The number of adults and children baptised rose in the same period from 10,800 to 11,400, an increase of 5.5 per cent.

Latest attendance figures for the church as a whole also show that the decline has slowed. Between 1980 and 1989, attendance fell 7 per cent to 1,155,000. This compares with a fall of 20 per cent over the previous ten years.

No national figures exist for Christmas or the rest of last year, but dioceses throughout England are reporting renewed optimism among church members as the decade of evangelism enters its second year. York diocese spoke of a "general feeling of upturn through

Canon John Finney, the Church of England's officer for the decade of evangelism, said: "There is a feeling that attendances have increased over the last few months and that churches are looking outwards more than they did previously. People are in better heart than they were two or three

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THE ENERGY TO SUCCESS

## Victim wins battle for interest on injury cash

BY BRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A RAILWAY worker who had but just before the case was to wait 22 months for pay-ment of compensation that had been awarded for injuries suffered in an attack has been granted £1,330 interest by the Criminal Injuries Com-pensation Board for the

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The case, thought to be the first in which interest has been granted, is being treated by lawyers as setting a precedent which could give rise to similar applications for interest from the large num-bers of cases awaiting det-ermination by the board. Gerald Glover, of Newport, Gwent, finally received his

cheque for an award of £4,835 more than five years after the attack in which his shoulder was injured, and 22 months after his application was dealt with by the board.

The delay occurred because the cheque was posted to the wrong address. However, it took 14 letters to the board from his solicitor and trade union, the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers, as well as several telephone calls, before the

mistake was rectified.
On receipt of the cheque. the solicitor, Adrian Boulter, of the law firm Pattinson and Brewer, lodged an applica-tion in the High Court for judicial review, claiming in-terest on the F4,835.

At the hearing last October, the court ruled that Mr Glover, who was injured by an unidentified attacker when working in shunters' accommodation in 1985, was not entitled to further compensation for the delay. The judge said he could find no legal error in the board's decision. Mr Boulter lodged an appeal

set down for hearing, said: "The Home Office stepped in and granted permission for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to pay an exgratia payment of the amount claimed for interest." This was paid on December 10,

"The board itself had no provision under its regulations to pay interest, so we believe the Home Office intervened to ensure a decision was not made by the court, thus establishing a precedent for future similar claims," he said. He added that Mr Glover was delighted with the outcome. "However, we also feel that the delay was disgusting and we hope others will be encouraged by this

The board said it could not comment on individual cases. However, John Lawson, an official, added: "This should not be seen as setting any precedent. We hope that measures taken after this case will prevent anything similar oc-curring again."

Delays after an award is made by the board of the order suffered by Mr Glover are not common, with most applicants suffering delays in the processing of their applications. Most cases awaiting a first decision are now dealt within 12 months. At the end of March 1991,

there were 10,000 ourstandthis number was substantially reduced by the end of the year. Taking the whole process from start to finish, in 1990-1. 75 per cent of cases took more than a year to be resolved, against 80 per cent the year before.



Rankin, commanding officer of HMS Ark Royal, with his ship which is to be refloated today after being in dry dock at Portsmouth naval base since early December.

known as Damp, which involves repainting, repairs and the replace-ment of equipment. Captain Ran-kin described it as the equivalent of

250,000 miles between services. The cost is expected to be disclosed later. Captain Rankin, aged 51, took command of Ark Royal in Oc-

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with responsibility for naval aviation. He was the first Royal Navy pilot to qualify to fly Harrier jets.

#### **Publicans** catch Major's ear

By JOHN SHAW

JOHN Major is to ask the trade department to study complaints by publicans in his Huntingdon constituency over new leases from brewers.

Fourteen public houses in the prime minister's constituency have closed or are in receivership because the publicans could not afford the new rents. The local Licensed Victuallers' Association has discussed with him its concerns over leases and poor compensation for tenants replaced by brewers' managers.

St Albans publicans have also complained to their MP. Peter Lilley, who, as trade sec-retary, is responsible for the law blamed for the problem. Big brewers say that the law's requirements that they reduce their tied houses necessitates new leases.

☐ The Portman Group, the drinks industry lobby group, is to call for more flexible licensing hours so as to combat disorderly behavior. A report commissioned by it says that much of the disorder happens as pubs and clubs close and people converge on the street.

#### Landscape 'blighted by masts'

Thousands of towers and masts planned for the telecommunications industry are threatening the rural landscape, the Council for the Protection of Rural England and the Association of District Councils say.

Government proposals to relax planning controls ig-nore widespread public concern, they say. The proposals put forward in a consultation paper last September include raising the height limits for which planning permission is not required from 15 to 20 metres, relaxing controls over antennae on buildings, and facilitating the construction of new buildings.
Towers and masts are

insidiously eroding the beauty of our rural landscape," the council says.

#### Airfield closed

Goodwood airfield, near Chichester, West Sussex, will be closed for five days as soldiers clear 15 pipe mines laid under the runway during the second world war.

#### Photo call

A personal advertisement in a local newspaper in Taunton, Somerset, reads: "Lady farmer, 15 acres, seeks friendship. male farmer with own tractor. Please send photograph of tractor."

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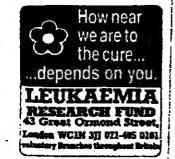
Creighton Carvello, aged 47, of Cleveland, has claimed a record for memorising a shuffled pack of cards. He took two minutes and 17 seconds.

#### View from top

A firm of architects has put forward plans for a tourist observation platform on 270 ft high Dixon's Chim-ney, the Carlisle landmark.

#### **Bond winners**

Premium Bond winners this week: £100,000, bond 3FP 540613, from Essex, £75 holding; £50,000, SCZ 398045, Hampshire, (£9,996); £25,000, 7DS 044619. Northumberland



#### Britons in attempt on K2

BY RONALD FAUX

FOUR British mountaineers are to attempt a lightweight ascent of K2, the second highest peak in the world and one of the most challenging. They will rely on speed and experience without extra oxygen or fixed ropes.

One of the team is Ulric Jessop, aged 28, of Edin-burgh, whose wife, Cathy, died from altitude sickness in the Himalayas on their honeymoon last October. With him on the K2 attempt will be Alan Hinkes, aged 36, and Mark Dixon, aged 27, both of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Andy Fanshawe aged 28, of Dufton, Cumbria, all seasoned Himalayan mountaineers. The aim is to attempt one of two possible routes up the north face of the moun-

tain from China. The expedition will be Mr Jessop's first return to the



cident on Kusum Kanguru when his wife collapsed and died as the couple descended after she fell ill. She is buried on the mountainside.

"It was a terrible accident but you have to accept that there are risks that are part of the mountaineering. Cathy understood that," Mr Jessop. a computer programmer and highly experienced mountaineer, said.

The mountain has a grim reputation. Although marginally lower than Everest it is technically more difficult to climb and is subject to sudden and severe storms. Alan Rouse and Julie Tullis, the first British climbers to reach the summit, paid with their lives in 1986, when climbers died after being caught by storms high on the mountain.

The expedition sets out for China in June, completing the final section to base camp by carnel carrying food supplies, climbing gear, computers and satellite communications equipment to provide a direct link between K2 and Britain. A supporting trek by Karakoram Experience will accompany the climbers whose attempt will be filmed

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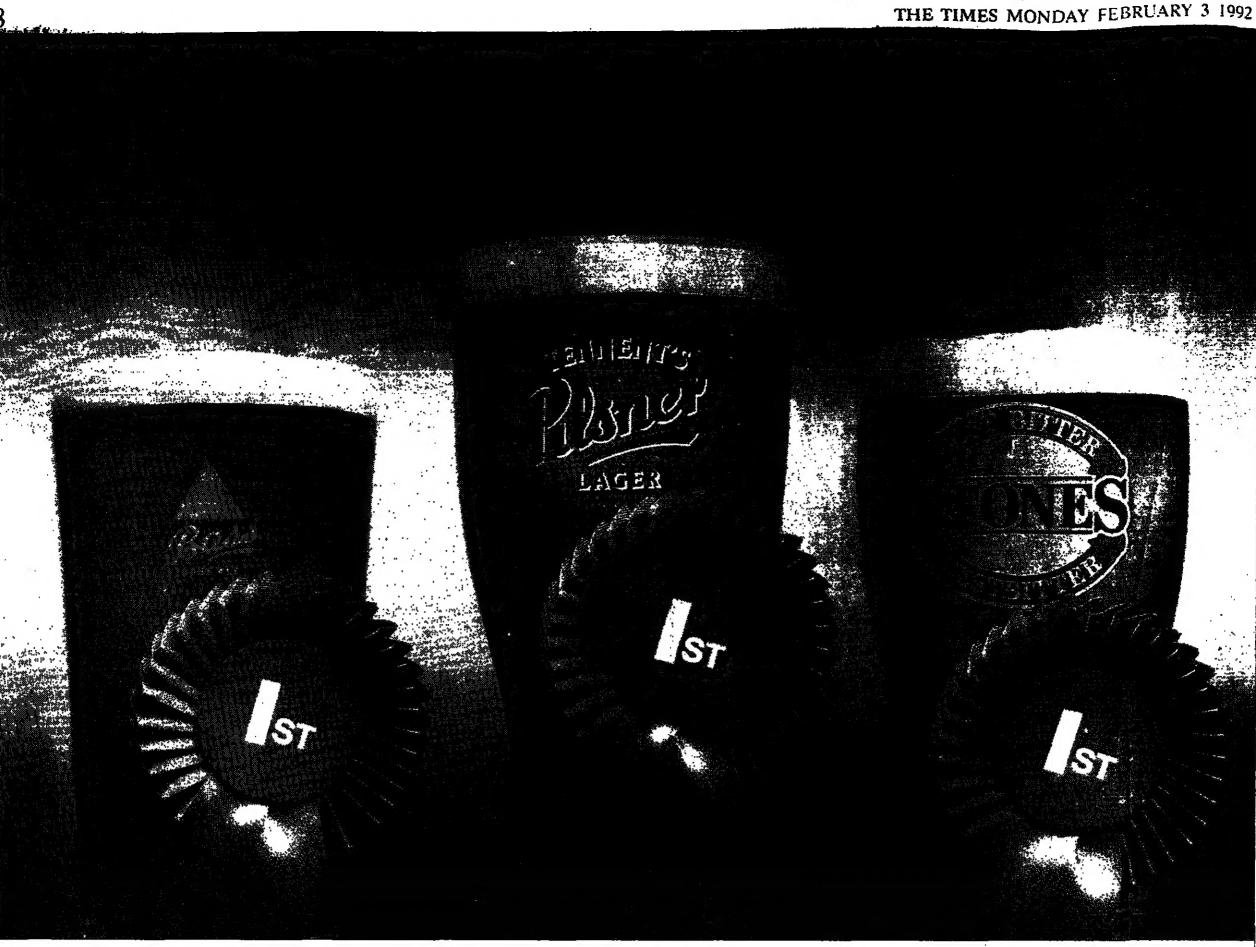
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## **Bush rating** slump lifts hopes of **Democrats**

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE steadyerosion of public support for resident Bush is continuing, according to the evidence of wo new opinion polls, despitchis State of the Union speec last week that was supposed to stop the

A CNN/Tme magazine survey gave Mr Bush an approval rating only 44 per cent, the lowst yet. Fifty-eight per cent of respondents described the peech's economic recovery/plan as an election-year ginmick, while 66 per cent said hey did not think they would lenefit from it. An unnamed Democrat would beat Mr hish by 38



#### Hit squads target **Indians**

By Jeffrey Stak

CONCERN is growing for the indigenous communities living near the city of 'ali, the violent nucleus of Colmbia's

biggest drug cartel.
Nine days before last
Christmas, about 60hooded and heavily armed nen, clad in camoullage uniforms, arrived at a remote progerty inhabited by a group of Pacz Indians and opened fire. A number of Indian were killed, and then others were shot dead as they lay on the ground. In all, 20 people died in the attack, including ten women and children, and ten

others were wounded. The motive for the mass killing seems to be that local landowners wanted the property and were prepared to resort to a traditional teric in Colombia to achieve that aim. Since then, six more belians have been shot in two separate attacks and threepeople investigating the shotings have either been murdred or

have disappeared. Human rights groups say that such incidents are not unusual in Colombia o Peru. Though paramilitary groups were outlawed in Colombia in 1989, more than 100 o them

port for a named Democrat would probably be less.

The latest of a series of tracking polls in New Hampshire, where America's critical first primary is barely two weeks away, showed that President Bush's support in the state had dropped nine points in a week to 52 per cent despite the speech and a new television advertising campaign. Support for his challenger, Patrick Buchanan, the right-wing newspaper columnist, rose slightly to 19 per cent, while the number of undecided voters climbed to

President Bush's slump. and the allegations of adul-tery against Bill Clinton, the embanied Democratic frontrunner, have encouraged leading Democrats to consider a late entry, and George Mitchell, the Senate leader, resterday admitted that he had come under pressure to declare his position. He denied any plans to do so but did say that he believed the allegations had hurt Mr Clinton and diverted attention from his message. "I hope

that it won't be a fatal thing." In Washington, party lead-ers and officials remain fearful that Mr Clinton's campaign could be sunk if further ellegations of marital infidelity surface, but the candidate's team appears out-wardly confident that he has weathered the storm. Mr Clinton suggested to reporters on his plane that his campaign song should be Ray Charles' I ain't going to worry

Jerry Brown, one of Mr Clinton's Democratic rivals, raised Gennifer Flowers's claims to have been the Arkansas governor's lover dur-ing a televised candidates' debate on Friday night, ob-serving that "every time a woman makes a claim, she is always viewed as either lying or a bimbo". Bob Kerrey, another Democratic candidate, rebuked Mr Brown: Mr Clinton said that the public would be the judge.

The debate gave the candidates a welcome opportunity to return to political issues, and several political observers declared Paul Tsongas, the former Massachusetts senator, the winner. Voters tend not to regard Mr Tsongas as presidential material, but he is nevertheless winning respect in his role as an "economic Paul Revere" who will not offer palliatives and bromides. He is now running a strong second after Mr Clinton in New Hampshire.

In a move to strengthen the Bush team, Clayton Yeutter, head of the Republican natcharge of domestic policy.



Reaching for peace: a boy sitting on his father's shoulders witnesses 30,000 Salvadoreans raising their hands in a minute's silence to commemorate the estimated 75,000 people who died in El Salvador's 2-year civil war. At an emotiona weekend ceremony in the capital, San Salvador, to mark the end of

MIKE Tyson was deter-

mined to have a woman on

the day he allegedly raped a beauty queen and started by hiring his middle aged chauf-

feur to his room and assault-

ing her, the court in Indiana-

The tale of Virginia Foster,

a teacher who drove a limou-

sine as a second job, was pre-

sented by the prosecution in the jury's absence in a vain

attempt to persuade Judge Patricia Gifford to allow evi-

dence of the boxer's predatory sexual behaviour during his visit to the Midwest city last July. Tyson told Mrs Foster to

carry his luggage to his room at the Canterbury Hotel while

his 20-stone bodyguard

walked empty-handed along-

side, said Greg Garrison, the prosecutor. Then he closes the door behind her and he assaults her, attempting to

kiss her to gratify his sexual aggressions," Mr. Garrison

told the open court. "He ex-

posed his genitalia to her, but

she is 44 and streetwise and

she pushed him away." Mr

Garrison said the incident de-

monstrated the boxer's "in-

tention to gratify himself, irrespective of the standards

of decency and . . . of anyone's

His behaviour with Desiree

Washington, his 18-year-old accuser, was almost identical,

consent".

the conflict, guerrilla leaders and army chiefs sang the national an-them together and swore to work to cement peace. "Never before has such a broad range of our society gathered together in one place in our country," Rnben Zamoca, the vice-president of the Salvadorean congress, told the formal installa-

Mike Tyson is portrayed by his supporters

as the victim of a white "system" and of a

woman with no grounds for complaint,

writes Charles Bremner in Indianapolis

boxer's bedroom at 2am.

"What can I say — that's life,"

said a woman at the "Justice

and Fairness for Mike Ty-son" rally in Indianapolis on

Saturday. "The girl should have known better and has no

right messing up his life," another women remarked.

Hundreds of fans applaud-

ed wildly as Tyson appeared

at a service in his honour at

the Christ Missionary Baptist

Church on Friday evening

and told the congregation: "I fight with God. I cannot

lose." Tyson has been accom-

panied to court every day by

the Rev Henry Payden, his

"personal pastor". Mr Payden said: "My gut instinct tells me that Mike was acting

In front of the jury, Mrs Foster confirmed Miss Wash-ington's claim that Tyson had

worked hard to persuade her

to go out with him when he

telephoned after midnight.

After Miss Washington

emerged from the room, she

appeared shocked, dazed and

disoriented, said Mrs Foster

in her three-hour appearance

in the witness box. Two doctors also testified on Saturday

that Ms Washington had two abrasions of a type which

usually results from non-con-

as a man."

Tyson case splits America

on class and racial lines

who were to have told the

court that the boxer had

grabbed and kissed them the

Accounts of Tyson's vast

sexual appetite and his less than chivalrous approach to

women have not dimmed the

support that has been receiv-

ing from fans and well-wish-

ers outside the court and

across America. After three

days of testimony, which has

included Miss Washington's

account of brutal assault and

corroboration from other wit-

nesses, public opinion on the

case has split along class and

New York to newspaper col-umns by white female com-

mentators, the boxer is being

cast as a villain whose status

as a superstar fighter should

not exempt him from respect-

ing a woman's wishes. Gail

Collins wrote in New York's

Newsday yesterday: "This is

the man whose own defence

lawyers describe as a lecher so

aggressive he would proposi-

But in some black and

working-class circles Tyson is

being cast as the heroic victim

of the white "system" and of a woman who has no ground

for claiming rape because she

accepted an invitation to the

From dinner parties in

same day.

racial lines.

tion a statue."

Commission for the Consolidation of Peace. President Cristiani and the heads of congress and the supreme court, seated beneath a symbol of a dove, opened a day of formal and popular peace celebra-tions. As almost 1,000 United Nations peacekeepers spread out across the Central American coun try to observe the withdrawal of the 7.000-strong Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front and the Salvadorean army to restricted areas, their commanders stood alongside political leaders in order to be sworn in as members of the peace

## Mass grave yields 300 junta victims

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN BUENOS AIRES

MARIA Edelia Garin, aged 28, was abducted and "disappeared" from the Buenos Aires hospital where she practised as a doctor on January 13, 1977. It was not until 15 years later that her family could hold her funeral. They also found out that she had given birth to a healthy child in a torture camp before

being shot dead. Her remains were found and analysed by eight Argentine forensic anthropologists who are digging up a mass grave they discovered in the rounds around a cemetery. So far they have removed 300 bodies from the pit and have dentified 50 of them from medical and dental records brought to them by the families of "disappeared" people.

"We have so far excavated 80 per cent of this mass grave, which was used to dump the bodies of tortured people and expect to find the remains of at least another 50 persons," Dario Olmo, aged one of the forensic anthropologists, said,

They claim that the area they are excavating was once the backyard of a former Buenos Aires torture and detention centre used by the security forces during the military dictatorship in the 1970s. In all, 9,000 people disappeared.
"We carefully lift every

bone out and set them out in a laboratory," Señor Olmo said. "From there we begin to

retrace every possible detail, including the cause and time of death. It is a huge task; it will take years to identity each

of these remains." At the pit, six members of the group dust earth from what looks like an ocean of skeletoris. They dust them with paint brushes and take them to another team of specialists who begin to match the remains to medical records, habeas corpus writs and accounts of people who survived the torture camps.

Garin was traced to the mass grave because of a witness account from a woman who was released from the torture camp where they were both held. "We were told by her that the camp was near where we were digging. The woman also said Maria had given birth at the camp," Señor Olmo said. "The remains verified this and we also found traces of an operation Maria had once had."

The team, started in 1986

by Clythe Snow, an American anthropologist, was one of the first to match the skills of anthropological excavation with techniques of forensic science testing. "We were trained for three years and are only now tackling our biggest project." Anahi Ginarte, a team member, said. The first pits were exca-vated in 1989, but laboratory work did not begin until last year. They have also uncovered 100 individual graves.

#### **Edward** Albee on indecency charge

EDWARD Albee, the author of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? and one of America's most distinguished playwrights, has been charged with indecent exposure after his arrest at a park in Florida (Charles Bremner writes).

Mr Albee, who is aged 63 and has been tweaking America's cultural nerves for decades, was arrested on being found naked on January 19 in a secluded area of a Key Biscayne park favoured by male nude sunbathers. The police, who publicised the incident only on Saturday, had begun patrolling the area after park employees com-plained that naked men had thrown objects at them when they had intruded on the nudist area. If convicted, Mr Albee could be fined \$1.000 (£560) or jailed for a year.

#### Kuwait ban

Bahrain: Kuwaiti women, many of whom risked their ives as members of the resistance during the Iraqi occupation, have been barred from voting in elections planned for October. The electoral code permits voting only by men over 21. (AFP)

#### Court clash

Algiers: Police used tear ga to disperse a crowd outside a court in Jijel, east of Algiers, where a member of the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front was on trial, charged with insulting police and using a place of worship for political activity. (AFP)

#### Church protest

Sydney: Protesters against a court ruling, barring the ordination of Australia's first Anglican women priests, rallied outside churches nationally. Bomb squads checked St Saviour's cathedral in Goulburn where 11 women had been due to be ordained. (Reuter)

#### Tokyo quake

Tokyo: At least 30 people were injured when a strong earthquake shook the Tokyo area. No deaths were immediately a strong to the iately blamed on the earthquake, which the national cy said measured 5.7 on the Richter scale. (AP)

#### Elephant shot

Palm Bay, Florida: An elephant carrying two children on its back went wild during a circus performance, picked up a man in its trunk, threw him down and tried to stamp on him before police shot it dead in front of screaming spectators. (AP)

#### Animal passion

James, India: Wildlife officials have freed from captivity an amorous monkey which insisted on hugging and kiss-ing hospital nurses. Thousands of spectators watched as he disappeared into the jungle instantly, hopping from tree to tree.(AFP)

#### Mr Garrison said. The judge, ional committee, is moving to however, decided that the jury the White House to take should not hear of the incident, along with testimony from other contestants in the Miss Black America pageant US pay survey, page 17

Non-aligned nations seek

role in new world order

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN LARNACA

FOREIGN ministers of the Third World nations aligned Non-Aligned Movement are meeting in Cyprus tais week to hammer out a new role for their unwieldy organisation, left marginalised by recent world events.

The movement, which often took the moral\high ground, has made little impact since it was founded at the height of the Cold War in the late 1950s by mainly

to neither superpower. It was unable to end the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq or to prevent or reverse the invasion of Kuwait. Yugoslavia, currently in the chair, is torn by civil war, and Indonesia. which takes over in September, has recently been condemned for a bloody crackdown in East Timor which it occupied in 1975.

#### Burma gears up to crush Karen rebels

FROM REUTER IN MANERPLAW, BURMA

that marks Burma's border ; mountains of eastern Burma with Thailand, guerrillas are fighting a concerted effort by Burmese troops to deal them a death blow.

The Burmese military junta has thrown more men into the offensive after the Karen National Union rebels repulsed last year's campaign. This time the Rangoon forces are bolstered by big arms snipments from China. "The enemy's intention is to occupy Manerplaw because all the revolutionary parties are gathered here, military and political," Maung Maung, a guerrilla general, said at the Karen rebels' headquarters.

Karen guerrillas have been

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WITH their backs to the river battling in the jungles and for 43 years and constitute the most serious of about a dozen rebellions waged by ethnic minorities. Leaders say that they are fighting for a democratic, federal Burma, not a separate state.

The Karen rebels and their alijes receive little outside backing. Government offensives unleashed each year when the dry season begins have shrunk the Karen group's area of control, but since the army crushed a nationwide pro-democracy movement in 1988 and ser about repressing all dissent. their organisation has gained significance.

About 20 foreign ministers and 150 delegates from 46 countries will attend the twoday meeting, the first of its kind since the collapse of the Soviet Union. "The move-ment has to change, and change fast, otherwise it will not survive," George Iacovou, the Cypriot foreign minister, said. He is chairing the meeting of a committee which is to discuss the role and methodology of the movement. "We must adopt a co-operative attitude to the West and the North, and work within the United Nations to have a voice."

little hope for the meeting which, he said, would be undermined by disagreement between states such as Iran and Syria, pushing for a more confrontational attitude towards the West, and those such as Egypt and Cyprus seeking co-operation. He said: "Unfortunately, not all the progressive countries have sent top-level delegations, so about 50 per cent of those turning up are reactionaries. I do not think we will agree on anything."

Another delegate held out

He added: "The problem is that the movement relies on consensus, so the lowest common denominator goes. If you try to make a strong resolution on human rights, half a dozen offenders immediately want it watered down. The same goes for democracy."

## Whites bar blacks from suburban haven

IN JOHANNESBURG

ANGRY whites built roadblocks and dug ditches in a green belt area outside Johannesburg at the weekend to stop nearly 1,000 black squatter families being moved within sight and sound of their doorsteps. Some had clubs, pick-axe

handles and baseball bats, but they were exceptions. Most were white householders who fear their tranquil lifestyle is about to be destroyed. They sympathise with the squatters plight but would prefer that they go somewhere else. As Paul Barrows, one of their leaders, said: "The bottom line is that they have nowhere to stay and we empathise with

The Transvaal provincial administration decided to uproot 750 squatter families from a site at Zevenfontein, northwest of Johannesburg, which has no sanitation, running water or other facilities, and move them to an area where these can be provided.

This was to be an 80-acre site at Bloubosrand, outside Randburg, a dormitory town on Johannesburg's northwest border, where most of the squatters work. Bloubosrand is part of a green belt zone whose residents live mainly on individual plots of an acre or

Randburg council agreed to the plan without informing the residents. According to André Jacobs, chairman



Ventersdorp yesterday, as his commandos showed off their firepower

of its management committee, there was no time. Council representatives met Transvaal officials in Pretoria and were told that the land had been expropriated and the squatters would be relocated as soon as arrangements could be

Since Thursday night Bloubosrand residents have been manning their barricades to stop the squatters being moved in. At the same time police have been keeping watch on the residents.

John Peebles, a former Zimbabwean and a member of the newly formed residents' association, said: "We are not racists. We have Indian and Coloured

families living here and they have been made welcome. But this is something

different. What's proposed here is that 6.000-odd squatters should be settled over the road from us. I don't think any organisation should be able to rob you of all your capital in one swoop," he said.

Their attitude was strongly criticised yesterday by City Press, the black Johannesburg newspaper. In an editorial headed "Lily-white liberals show true colours" it said: "As blacks we know how lily-white northern Johannesburg operates. They are very liberal . . Suddenly Zevenfontein came upon

their cosy lives. In one swoop, that which for years was hidden within them came out - the real white liberal attitude to blacks.

> country." Unaware of the growing dispute, the people of Zevenfontein continue to go quietly about their dreary lives, carrying buckets and containers in 90-degree heat to the few taps that supply little more than a

And we know there are

many Zevenfonteins in our

trickle of water. Elmond Gumbo, who has lived there for two years, said he was looking forward to having a decent toilet. "I am looking forward to moving to a place with running

water and sanitation, so at least I can feel human

White racism went on parade in the western Transvaal town of Ventersdorp, home of Eugene Terre Blanche, the leader of the neo-fascist Afrikaner Resistance Movement. He is on £40 bail on charges relating to an AWB demonstration at a meeting addressed by President de Klerk last year in which two AWB members were killed in a confrontation with police.

About 400 AWB members, dressed in khaki drill with Nazi-style insignia, led by 38 members of its Ystergarde (Iron Guard) in black battledress and balaclavas, marched through the town. An instructor said they could be likened to Hitler's SS and could be mobilised tomorrow. "Most of them have been trained in the South African Defence Force's elite forces but they are more committed to their cause - white self-determination — than any member of the defence

force," he said. Durban: The African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom party held their first joint peace rally outside Durban yesterday, declaring an end to fighting that has raged in the Mpumalanga township since the mid-1980s. But police said that eight blacks died in renewed faction fighting at Umlaza, only 15 miles

away. (AP)

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## The sphinx loses his cool in unfunny Habash farce



Cresson: her job seems

futile, effort to shelter President Mitterrand and the Socialist government against further damaging fallout from the botched handling of George Habash's visit to France, the Elysée palace declared yesterday that the affair should now be considered closed. Those guilty of serious mistakes had been punished and the law had been allowed to run its proper course, Jack Lang, the presidential spokes-

According to M Lang, the ultimate Mitterrand loyalist, the controversy over allowing the Palestinian guerrilla leader to enter the country for medical treatment after suffering a stroke in Tunis had been inflamed by the opposition and the media. Loud demands for the resignation of Edith Cresson were part of "unjust" campaign against the prime minister, he insisted. He also said that neither Roland Dumas, the

When the dust settles. M Mitterrand may be seen as the Habash scandal's main victim. Philip Jacobson in Paris and Christopher Walker in Cairo report on the affair that inflamed the French

anisation, said.

where he was taken."

foreign minister, nor Philippe Marchand, the interior minister, deserved the political assaults to which they had been subjected over the Habash affair.

But with M Mitterrand still fuming over the humiliation he suffered on the eve of his address last week to the special United Nations Security Council session, some observers still look for further sacrifices beyond the ranks of the high functionaries. The widespread belief that senior aides in the Elvsee knew far more about the Habash visit than has so far been admitted increases the pressure on the president to take decisive ac-

regional conflicts, counter

terrorism, and prevent

consider ourselves to be po-

tential enemies. That is the

historic value of this meet-

ing," said Mr Yeltsin. "There

has been written and drawn a

new line, and crossed out all of the things that have been associated with the Cold

War." The two men discussed

their proposals to cut their

strategic nuclear missile ar-

senals more deeply, but said that specifics should be left to

experts. James Baker, the

Secretary of State, will launch

say that we felt it was worth

"From now on, we do not

nuclear proliferation.

script, the prime minister's job seems sale at present, if only because the battered So-

But to judge by M Lang's

cialist party machine and morale would virtually collapse if she was sacked before next In Tunis, Palestinian officimonth's important regional als said yesterday that the elections. As an old and trustentire operation was conducted presidential aide, M Dued with the greatest secrecy. mas should also survive, "We had agreed with France though the opposition and to keep it secret. The answer the press will continue to wonto the question of how this der aloud how he could have accord was violated is to be been entirely ignorant of an found in Paris," an aide to affair that led to the sacking Yassir Arafat, the leader of of his number two. the Palestine Liberation Org-

Less certain is the fate of M Marchand, who wishes critics "We were surprised to learn to believe that he knew nothing of his ministry's preparathat the press were present at Le Bourget airport (in Paris) tions to deploy a crack squad to meet, escort and guard Mr on Wednesday when Habash arrived, and that they were in Habash as he underwent emergency brain surgery in a Paris hospital. Relatively new front of the Paris hospital source said. "Who alerted the to office and quite unknown press in what seems to have outside political circles, he been an organised fashion? could be the one to carry the

The answer is in Paris, not can on all known form, M Mitterrand would not hesitate to jettison him if the moment demands it.

On the periphery of the affair, the earliest casualty will probably be Georgina Dufoix, whose personal involvement in the Habash affair as head of the French Red Cross led her to submit her immediate resignation as a valued councillor at the Elysee. A meeting of the Red Cross executive in Paris today is expected to demand that she steps down for having damaged the reputation of the organisation.

When the dust finally sertles, it may be found that M Mitterrand was the prime victim of the scandal that struck so cruelly at his pride, even his credibility. Nothing was more damaging to the president's authority during the fiasco than the impression that at the moment of trouble his awesome political nerve may have begun to desert him.

ers cannot recall him so edgy. so sensitive to political offence, real or imagined, as in his outburst last week against journalists who dared raise the matter of financial scandals affecting the Socialists. Those shirty remarks about "mad" French officials, supposedly responsible for authorising Dr Habash's en-

try, the shrill complaints aboard Concorde en route for New York that "I am not some god who sees and decides everything", were not what the French have come to expect during a decade of rule by le sphinx. In contrast. Dr Habash's

reputation as a fading revolutionary has been enhanced by the controversy, which has also plunged French-Arab relations to their lowest point for years. To many younger Palestinians. Dr Habash. who returned to Tunisia at the weekend, with his rigid adherence to marxism-lenin-

former terrorist pracice of spectacular hijacks, lad become something of an anachronism.

But his stubborn rifusal to contemplate any solution to the Palestinian probem that did not involve the destruction of Israel ensured continued support for his Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine among hardlines, despite its outdated ideology.

Although biterly opposed to the new flexitility shown by the PLO, he wis determined that his front would remain within the R.O umbrella And despite his long record as a mastermindof terrorist violence, including links with the notorious Carlos the Jackal (Ilich Raminz Sanchez), Dr Habash coninues to be regarded by sone PLO supporters as the "onscience" of the movement.

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#### Moscow pleads for reform aid

## Yeltsin and Bush affirm era of trust

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND JOHN BEST IN OTTAWA

PRESIDENT Yeltsin flew back to Moscow yesterday after a Camp David meeting with George Bush which gave the Russian leader the valuable and wholehearted support of an American president who previously had distrusted him.

Mr Yeltsin gained no firm pledges of further aid, and only general agreements on nuclear disarmament and other issues. But the leaders did agree to hold two formal summits, the first in Washington before June and the second in Moscow, probably in the run-up to the American

The most striking outcome

necked shift and jumper, the

president from Moscow rode

cart at Camp David, called

his companion "George" and "my friend", and talked of

world peace and arms control

plunged into an enthusiastic

crowd of onlookers, then

drove to his embassy to re-

ceive the leaders of congress.

of Mikhail Gorbachev's visits

to Washington, but it was

not. This was Boris Yeltsin on

Saturday, the man who until

recently was reviled in the

White House as a heavy-

drinking boor and dema-gogue. Now he is the demo-

cratically elected leader of

Russia, and the imperatives

of international politics have

changed everything.
The patrician Mr Bush has

been forced to lay aside his

disdain for the rough-and-

ready Russian leader. He un-

derstands that the alternative

to Mr Yeltsin's fragile rule is

renewed dictatorship and op-

pression. Mr Bush made it

his foremost business to show

that Mr Yeltsin had filled Mr

Gorbachev's shoes personally

and politically and to demon-

strate his robust support in every way he could. Mr Bush signed a joint declaration affirming that

America and Russia were no

longer adversaries. He gave Mr Yeltsin's painful econom-

ic reforms his unqualified en-

dorsement. He agreed to two

more summits this year. He

It could have been any one

Back in Washington, he

at a joint press conference.

with President Bush in a golf

of the informal three-hour meeting was the two leaders' affirmation of a new era of friendship and partnership based on mutual trust" between their two nations. The sub-plot was their apparently successful effort to improve their personal relationship

now that Mr Bush is no long-

er constrained by loyalty to Mikhail Gorbachev. Mr Bush and Mr Yeltsin signed a joint declaration saying that Russia and America no longer regarded themseives as adversaries, pledg-ing to remove all remnants of Cold War hostility, and undertaking to work together to

were the best of chums.

man to have met George

Dole: sees Yeltsin as

the last hope

these negotiations on a visit to Moscow within two weeks. Mr Bush proposed, and Mr Yeltsin endorsed, the idea of a joint centre to employ US **US rehabilitates** and Russian nuclear scientists in research, thereby ensuring the latter do not sell Russian leader their services to hostile Third World regimes. Mr Bush was non-committel about Mr BY MARTIN FLETCHER Yeltsin's call for a global defence system using American "Star Wars" technology. "We DRESSED in an open- also went out of his way to reached no decision except to

> discussing in much more de-Mr Bush not only flattered Mr Yeltsin by inviting him to In his meetings with Mr his weekend retreat, but ar-Bush and congressional lead-ers. Mr Yeltsin again emphasised Russia's urgent ranged a cake with a single candle to celebrate his guest's folst birthday. "I have a very warm feeling in my heart about what [Mr Yeltsin] has need for Western aid to underpin his reform efforts in done and is trying to do, and I consider him my friend," Mr the critical months ahead. In Ottawa, angrily denouncing what he called "the myopia" of some committee, Mr Yelsin Bush told reporters. Mr Yeltsin seemed almost oversaid on Saturday night that the West would be courting disaster if it did not do more whelmed. "I consider I would be very lucky in life both as a political person and just as a to rescue Russia from its eco-

> nomic plight.
> He said that, without massive injections of Western aid. Bush," he replied. Congress also treated Mr Yeltsin with a new seriousness and respect. Democratic and Russia's whole economic reform programme would be in Republican leaders spent 70 danger of collapse. This could lead to the re-emergence of a police regime, with the inher-ent danger of new confrontaminutes with him at the Russian embassy. Robert Dole, the senate's Republican minority leader, later called him "the last hope". tions with the West and even war. He made clear it that he was directing his criticisms at Western business leaders as well as political leaders.

 Moscow: Russia agreed on Saturday to start withdrawing troops from two of the Baltic states within a matter of weeks, official statements said. A Russian delegation headed by Sergei Shakhrai, a deputy prime minister, agreed in separate talks to start the withdrawal from Lithuania this month and from Latvia next

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Sole brothers: President Yeltsin admiring a pair of cowboy boots given to him by President Bush on his 61st birthdayat Camp David. Robert Strauss, the American ambassador to Moscow, looks on. The boots were made by Mr Bush's shoemaker in Houston

#### Steel firms say strike inevitable

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

GERMAN steel employers said yesterday that a strike in the industry could not be avoided after last week's overwhelming vote by workers to walk out in support of a pay claim that amounts to £1.60 a

week per person.
This appears a ridiculously small sum for either side to countenance a disruptive and damaging stoppage. But so much principle is at stake in Europe's largest steel industry that neither is yet prepared to show any sign of

The wages committee of the IG Metall union meets formally in Dortmund today to confirm that a strike will go ahead following the 87 per cent vote in favour. Tomorrow, the management com-mittee will meet in Frankfurt to decide which plants to

It is likely that only two or three will be affected initially to prove the union's determination, although production would fall quickly and the effects be felt throughout oth-er heavy industries. The employers are determined to hold out as it is more expensive to produce in Germany than anywhere in Europe

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## Eurocrats roundly defend curveless cucumber edict

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS Eurocrats are feeling hurt. Last autumn, at the height of the debate over the Maastricht treaty, the men and women of the European Commission stood ac-cused of being a zealous gang of bossyboots who were busily worming their way into what Douglas Hurd called the 'nooks and crannies" of Brit-

The European Commission's officials said little in public in their own defence. But, as an internal document in the hands of The Times shows, the writers of directives on prawn cocktail crisps, condom sizes and the curve in a cucumber think that they have been unjustly maligned. Their private briefing paper, setting out the case for the Commission's defence of its directives, is an odd mixture of the absurd, the pedantic and misunderstood

good intentions. An anonymous official solemnly sets down the reasoning behind rules on the maximum permissible curve in a cucumber. "Common quality norms for perishable goods" have been agreed by all Community governments as part of the planned protec-tion for consumers in the single market, due to be completed at the end of this year. "Cucumbers are sold in

boxes, containing a fixed

your jokes don't come up to German standards

number of cucumbers. If cucumbers are too curved, regular quantities cannot be packed." And in case there might be any lingering doubts, the author solicitously adds that the sale of curved cucumbers will not be forbidden - but they will have to be

packed separately.

The indignant officials of directorate-general 3 are especially resentful of the ridicule they have attracted over guidelines on the size of the European condom.

One defensive memo is headed "Safe sex in a single market" and points out that the struggle against Aids de-pends on condoms being completely reliable. "Inferior quality could have disastrous consequences," it declares,

Krajina fear coup Belgride: Militant Serb op-position to the United Napointing out that all the 12 governments - Britain intions peace plan for Yugo-slaviaiwas showing no signs cluded - asked the European Commission to ensure that of easing yesterday after more condoms are of the "necesthan D hours of negotiations sary quality". An indepen-dent committee of experts, headed by the London Rub-

ber Company, will decide on pan-European safety guide-

lines, which will include such

details as minimum length

Four pages of dense self-justification are devoted to

the bitter dispute over Vien-nese whirls, Dundee cake and

Peking duck. The Eurocrats attempting to ensure fair competition between food

companies tried to write a

directive which would stop

somebody calling a cheese

"Camembert from Norman-

dy: when it came from Chica-go or Cumbria.

of trying to outlaw Swiss rolls

which were not proven to

come from the Alps, or Brus-

sels sprouts not grown in the Belgian capital. But the memo wearily explains that a merely historical connection

does not matter. Cornish

pasties, Viennese whirls, Irish

stew and something called "le

Yorkshire curd tart" are in

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Irate MEPs accused them

and maximum width.

After an all-night negotiating session, the leaders of the self-poclaimed Krajina Serbian Republic issued a statementaccusing the Serb-dominatel federal presidency of tryin to remove them in a

here Our Foreign Staff

Leaders of

Tatar control

Mosow: Tatar nationalists in Kazan, capital of the autononous republic of Tatar-stan in the Russian Federation proclaimed the restor-ation of an independent Tatar state that went out of existence more than 400 years ago. (AFP)

Polish ruling

Warsew: The Polish parliament leclared illegal the state of siege ordered in December 1981 under which Solidarity was suppressed. The move could lead to proceedings against General Wojciech Jarzelski and other former communist leaders. (AFP)

**Bucharest rally** Letters, page 13 CBI rejection, page 18 Fucharest: More than 5,000 Romanians shouted for the esignation of President fliescu during a rafly in Bucharest for next month's local elections. The rally was held by the Democratic Convention, an opposition bloc uniting 14 parties. (Reuter)

Italian poll

Rome: President Cossiga dis-solved the Italian parliament five months early, setting April 5 as the date to elect a new one. Meanwhile, the coalition government led by the Christian Democrais Giulio Andreotti wili remain in office. (AP)

Mummy study

Madrid: Scientists will swap the newest information on their oldest objects of study at the first international con-gress of studies about mummies in Tenerife. It coincides with the opening there of an exhibition of mummies from all over the world.

OSIJEK NOTEBOOK by John Phillips

## Besieged city bustles back to life with return of refugees

ern Slavonia, giving a semblance of normality to the biggest European city to come under ground attack since the second world

Rolf Graf, a Swiss relief worker for the International Committee of the Red Cross, said: "Osijek has changed a lot in the last two weeks. You see kids again. Traffic lights and trams are working once more. Some restaurants even have reopened."

As many as 7,000 people have streamed back to the Croatian redoubt over the last formight, swelling the number of homeless here to about 19,000, according to local Red Cross officials. The since January 3 between Croat units and forces led by the former Yugoslav army has prompted the reverse exodus, mostly from Pula on the coast and Hungary.

In Osijek, it is a curious type of Atruce. By day, small children play round the statues in the main square as the blue trams drive by. But by dusk the streets are empty. In the din of analysis are the streets are empty. din of explosions and machinegun fire reverberates around the city centre from the front lines across the Drava river two miles away. Most of the homeless stay with friends or relatives. Others sleep on camp beds in the big shelter under the main square next door. At the once fashion-

able Pivoica beer cellar, waiters barman-cum-receptionist-cum-impeccably dressed in black suits porter. "But it is still dangerous." Authorities conceded that they gees, foreign mercenaries and journalists.

At the battered Central Hotel. Anext to the shell-damaged town hall, it is almost business as usual. The blacked-out hotel lobby also serves as a bar for guests such as the European Community ceasefire monitors - nicknamed "the ice-cream men" because of their white two-piece

"People are coming back with their wives and children." a jovial Dutch monitor reflected, quaffing heer from an unlabelled offer from the Central's patient

were concerned lest the influx should increase the risk of civilian casualties if the ceasefire collapses. However, Brigadier Karlo Gorinsek, commander of the Croatian first operational zone, said: "We think that this return of citizens is positive. The town has facilities to protect them. This return is a kind of moral support

for the soldiers." A Croat soldier was killed and two others were wounded near the town on Saturday night. Croatian radio said, reporting a series of "minor violations" of the ceasefire in the republic. Several explosions were heard in Osijek. and bursts of gunfire were heard ther south, the radio said. Doctors and nurses at the Opca Bolnica hospital are beginning to

work on upper floors again, easing the pressure on underground wards and operating theatres where doctors were confined during heavy shelling. Serious dam-age to the main building from shells remains to be repaired. In early January the International Committee of the Red Cross brokered an agreement by the warring sides to respect the neutrality of the hospital. Hospital officials say the accord has mostly been kept.

Wounded soldiers recuperating in the underground wards spirits while doctors anxiously. The future is not so brilliant."

unconscious comrades under in-tensive care. Milenko Zivkovic, his legs badly wounded by a mine, gave a visiting photographer the V-for-Victory sign. On the wall of the ward, a photograph of the Pope giving his blessing was positioned beside a pin-up calendar.

Brigadier Gorisek, a Slovene who has lived in Croatia for 30 years, seemed cheerful in his sandbagged headquarters as he plotted Osijek's defence. But he had no illusions about the respite. "This so-called peace, with-out United Nations forces, will not last for a long time. There are many violations of the ceasefire from the enemy side in Osijek

#### Community shop celebrates ten years of fighting off rural decline

## Do-it-yourself store rescues a village

An Essex village, with its thriving shop and school, is a beacon of hope to dying communities, Michael Horsnell writes

THE bustle of customers among the baked beans, frozen meats and vegetables in the village shop in Debden may not match the crush of the food hall at Harrods but it's at least as lively as the commotion of foraging ducks on the pond near by. Debden, near Saffron

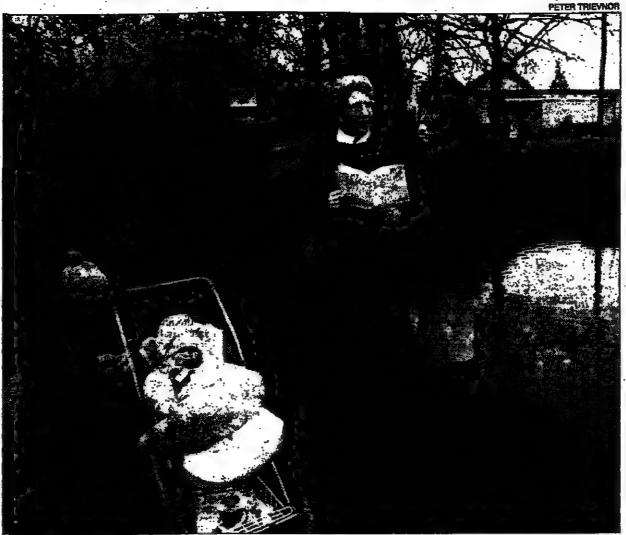
Walden, Essex, has bucked the trend towards living death in the English village by celebrating the tenth anniversary of its self-help community shop, which has an annual turnover of more than £50,000. Its vibrancy is testimony to the endeavours of the 700 villagers to keep alive the community spirit in Debden, which also has a primary school, two public houses, two churches and village hall where tickets for next week's three perior-mances of Cinderella, are

With village stores closing at the rate of 3 per cent a year, and 20 per cent for sale, the Council for the Protection of Rural England regards Debden as a beacon in the fight for survival of rural communities. The non profit-making shop and post of-fice, which has won a Shell

UK Village Ventures Award, was opened, in January 1982, in a mobile home after villagers set up a committee and raised more than £2,000 for premises, stock and equipment. Within two years, a further £10,000 was raised to build a 1,100 sq ft extension to the village hall as a permanent shop, open seven days a week. Now it has a turnover of £1,100 a week, stock of nearly £7,000, and pays nominal wages to the 30 volumeers who stuff it and collect provisionsfrom cash-and-carry stores.

Geoffrey Bray, one of its founders and retiring editor of the village's Parish Pump monthly magazine, said: "In Debden we not only put into practice a pretty wild idea, but have ten years experi-ence of showing that that idea was good, and works. It would be a tragedy if other villages lost an important social centre through not trying out something that has worked with increasing

Thirty miles across the county, at Willingale (population 460) near Chelmsford, scarcely a soul ison The Street, which once boasted a



Pooling resources: Liz Wood left, Judith Forster, centre, and Gillian Bray by the pond in front of the shop

school, The Bell public house and a shop, all convegted to village forefathers, who made it famous by building two mighty churches next door to each other with a shared graveyard, nor the American airmen of the 387th bomber squadron who flew out of Willingale

would recognise it now.

Stanley Patmore, aged 87, who moved to Willingale at the age of six months, said: "We've lost everything really. A village can't lose all its facilities and expect to keep the same community spirit going not when old people have to go five miles to

during the second world war, Ongar to shop and the children two and a half miles to Fyfield to school."

There is a bus service, but the sort that might take you to the doctor in Ongar only for you to find you can't get back again.

Nick Shuttleworth, director of the county's Rural Community Council, said:

"Willingale is lovely to look at but it's a good example of what happens when a village loses its services, though it still has a cricket club so it hasn't quite reached the end of civilisation. The way that

people in Debden got togeth-

er provides a lesson we are

trying to sell to other

## Shelob's birthplace honours her creator

public appearance in Bloem- and drug-trafficking. fontein, South Africa, yesterday to unveil a plaque in the Anglican cathedral to her late The star of Sir Richard father — hobbit-creator John Ronald Renel Tolkien. The plaque notes Tolkien's birth on January 3, 1892, above the bank his father was managing. Arthur Morgan, lecturer at Rhodes University. said Tolkien was only three when the family left for England. His main memory of Bloemfontein was being frightened by a tarantula. Shelob, a huge spider, figures prominently in Lord of the

Italian papers reported that, during a visit to Venice, Gulf War commander "Stormin" Norman Schwarzkopf criti-cised US politicians saying: There was too much interference, and very often politicians and schemers upset the

Philippine President Corazon Aquino, whose politically powerful clan is split over her choice of candidate in the May presidential election, has appealed to dissenting family members to join her in backing Fidel Ramos. Her brother, cousin, and in-laws are backing the candidacy of Speaker, Ramon Mitra.

making his 11th foreign trip since taking office 18 months ago, will visit Britain this week to talk on the environment and meet John Major. Since taking office Fujimori, an agronomist, has used personal diplomacy to boost the image of his nation tarnished by a poor human rights

Principa Tolkica made a rare record, guerrilla violence,

Attenborough's £17 million

epic about Charlie Chaplin has turned to Beany Hill to learn how to slip on banana skins. American Robert Downey Jnr, admits he did not know a thing about The Little Tramp so he has talked to the Benny Hill stunt team and learned funny walks, slips, falls and acrobatic



should be appointed head of MI5 by a Labour government and Leany Henry the first black commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Harpers & Queen suggests today in a light-hearted look at Labour-supporting celebri-ties, and their possible posts. Hostage campaigner Jill Morrell should be rewarded with "something nice like the chairmanship of British

China's Communist Party leader Jiang Zemin called for the unity of Chinese everywhere in a new year's greet-ing in today's Outlook magazine. The Lunar New Year tomorrow ushers in the

## Judge campaigns to put Germany in the slow lane

AS THE driver of any Mercedes rushing down the mo-torway with his accelerator flat on the floor will tell you, a German's right to drive as fast as his car will carry him is proof that he lives in democracy. Now that right is under attack from the highest judge in the land. Roman Herzog, the constitutional court president.

Speaking "as a human being and not as a judge", he has come out in favour of Imposing a maximum limit of 130kph (81mph) on all motorways, and urged police action to make it credible. The judge's comments to a traffic safety symposium have roused and enraged the powerful speed lobby, which regards the very idea of limits as dangerous nonsense. Germany is the last country in Europe without a speed

The free-for-all on Germany's motorways is under threat — and the speed lobby is furious, reports Ian Marray

limit and they mean to keep it that way.

In the days before unification. West Berliners proved they were free by driving flat out along the Avus, the former German racing track forms the last six miles of the motorway coming from the West. "Freedom to drive for a free people" became a slogan to mark the difference between the democratic, unlimited West and the 100kph. authoritarian East.

Accident figures and polintion statistics, however, have begun to seem more important to most than the right to speed. Recent polls show

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Germans support a speed limit and several Social Democrat state governments plan to introduce one if the nat-

confident that the constitutional court would never apply the brakes, was unworried until Herr Herzog spoke out. Ekkehard Gries, Free Democrat transport spokes-man, complained that the judge was using his office with no thought for the consequences. Count Otto Free Democrats, said there was no reason to think a speed limit would reduce ac-

Social Union transport spokesman, said a speed limit would be neither sensible not constitutionally possible. There were 2.09 million recorded traffic accidents in west Germany and 385,800 in the east during the first 11 months of last year. In the west, 10,226 were killed, and

unification.

idents or pollution. Rudolf

Kraus, Bavarian Christian

Recession sobers shoppers

6,861 died in the east, an

increase of 21 per cent on the

worst annual figure before

By JAMIE DETIMER

BRITONS are drinking less and are no longer fooled into buying over-priced goods by fancy packaging or display, according to the Confederation of British Industry's retail committee.

recession-hit society of stayat-homes prepared to forego a new televison set, microwave, compact-disc player or car but determined to give their children the best ciothes or computer games.

The rise in sales of Robin Reliant cars confirms what is happening throughout the re-tail sector. "People have developed a better sense of value for money," said Nigel Whit-taker, chairman of the CBFs retail committee. They are responding to the new breed of discounters which has appeared, particularly in the clothing and food sectors."

Geoffrey Maitland Smith. chairman of Sears PLC, said: "Consumers are buying what that they need rather than what they want."

Purchasing patterns are different from previous recessions. DIY goods did well in the early eighties but are now struggling.
In previous recessions the drink industry enjoyed in-creased profits. But this time

sales are well down and pub-

lic houses and hotel bars are

efforts to form a government after two months of political vacuum. (Reuter) Desert flyers Dubai: Scientists from 32 countries are meeting to

camels. (Reuter).

discuss the breeding, feed-

ing and ailments of racing

#### Saddam imposes a thousand and one gloomy nights

FROM REUTER IN BAGHDAD

BAGHDAD authorities are cracking down on drinking and singing in the city of the Thousand and One Nights. Under plans reported by al-Thawra, the newspaper of the ruling Baath party, singing in public restaurants will be banned and the sale of alcohol restricted to "certain areas and streets". No details were given.

Unlike some Arab countries, Iraq has never imposed a blanket ban on alcohol. The nightlife of Baghdad,

where the Thousand and One Nights is set, is famous throughout the Middle East — a fact which made Saddam Husain's appeal to Islamic opinion during the Gulf War less than convincing to some. But al-Thawra complained that "a great number of Baghdad restaurants have turned into nightclubs as owners organise singing and dancing parties in them".

No more, if Baghdad municipality singing vigilance squads. "Joint com- incomes. Last month, Saddam Hus-

mittees comprising members from the People's Councils and the Baghdad municipality will supervise restaurants, hotels and bars to see that they adhere to these measures," ai-Thawna reported.

People's councils are elected local bodies usually dominated by conservative figures. The new measures reflect top-level displeasure with licentious behaviour in a country has its way. Its new rules would make where international trade sanctions singing the exclusive preserve of and the after-effects of the Gulf War nightclubs and would set up anti-

sein imposed a £178,000 fine on an Iraqi businessman who threw a generous cheque at the feet of a bellydancer whose performance enthralled him. Saddam complained on national television about "frivolous behaviour and shameless spending", evidently conscious not only of austere Islamic values but also of the growing gap beween rich and poor in Iraq . And when Saddam's half-brother Watban Ibrahim al-Hassan, became interior minister on November 13, he vowed to end "degrading nocturnal

#### New life for classic racer

idon: A classic Bentley which has gathered dust in a garage on the Isle of Man for more than 20 wears is expected to make about £100,000 when it is sold by Sotheby's.

It has an impressive

pedigree from the company's golden age between the wars when it was raced by "the Bentley Boys" a group of dashing, wealthy and frequently titled young drivers. The anonymous owner died recently and it will be auctioned at the RAF museum, Hendon, on March 30.

attack from the public, according to Ben Gunn, the new deputy chief con-

stable of Cambridgeshire.

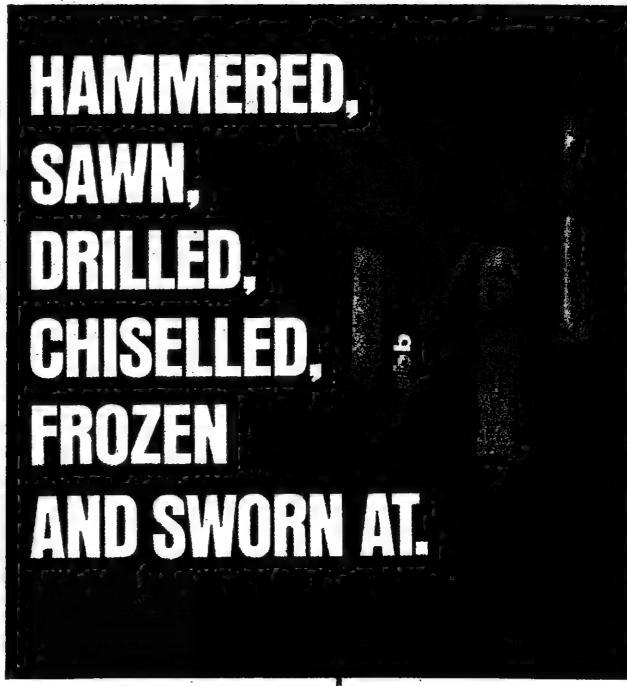
Polite police Cambridge: Sorry seems to be the hardest word for police who come under

Complaints about incivil-ity are often dropped if an officer says the magic words "I'm sorry." US accolade New York: More than 90 A picture is emerging of a

per cent of Americans say the Japanese are hardworking and competitive but only 15 per cent of Japanese think the same about US workers, according to a Time-CNN opinion poll (AFP)

Sweet cures Manifa: High-priced Philippine doctors face stiff competition from folk healers on radio who advise the eating of "super candies" to cure cancer and heart disease. (AFP) Royal order

> Brussels: Belgium's King Baudouin has chosen Jean-Luc Dehaene, his communications minister as a mediator to unblock



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## The stunts that stunt debate

Both main parties are trying to avoid

real discussion, says Peter Riddell

the public has every right to be annoyed by the pre-election debate. The poli-ticians, and parts of the press, are giving voters a misleading view of the choices. This is not simply a matter of smears and stunts, such as yesterday's sensationalising and distortion of routine contacts between Labour leaders and Soviet officials, the parading of Aneurin Bevan's nephew as a supporter of Tory health plans, and Labour posters showing Norman Lamont as Vatman. All that is degrading enough, though no worse than in

past elections.

More important is how politicians are trying to define the debate in narrow terms. To read this weekend's speeches you would think that the election is about small shifts in the distribution of taxes and spending, and about the poll tax, with more of the same soon about the health service, education and the unions.

Yet the fundamentals of economic policy are largely ignored: the position of sterling in the exchange-rate mechanism and in-

terest rates. These will have more impact on the economy than the tax choices now in the headlines. The debate has narrowed because the main greater agreement; both, for instance, accepting the ERM. Tony Benn has a point when complains about the stifling impact of this cross-party consen-sus. Labour's pol-

icy shift of the late 1980s means that much of the battleground of the 1983 and 1987 elections has become common ground. There are no longer arguments about privatisation or council house sales, about Brit-ain's possession of nuclear weapons and its membership of the European Community. Remaining differences, though important

choices'

in detail, are exaggerated to appear fundamental even when they are not. . A consensus on basics gives politicians the comfort of huddling together to avoid awkward choices. Baldwin's evasions over defence in the 1935 election were not unique. The word devaluation is not mentioned by any frontbenchers — apart from one or two privately out of earshot of John Smith — even though it is widely debated by economists. This is like Harold Wilson's obsessive ban in the mid-1960s on references to devaluation in even the most secret

Similarly, the belated crossparty support for Trident (even if without agreement on the number of warheads on each missile) means that there has been no real debate about defence strategy when it is most needed. Labour does not want to risk looking unpatriotic, while the Tories do not want to face up to the implications of the end of the cold war. On Europe also, all parties have used the Maastricht deal as a means of deferring decisions on the future of the Community - the form of monetary union and the

## RIDDELL - ON MONDAY 1

scope of social policy — which might reopen internal splits. But this evasion misleads voters

about the difficulties Britain faces, and the limited action that any government can take. It has been clear since the big increases in public spending and borrowing announced in the autumn statement that neither party has much leeway to achieve its plans. Last week's green budget from the Institute for Fiscal Studies and Goldman Sachs suggested that, unless the economy grows more rapidly than expected, the Tories will be unable both to cut the basic rate of income tax from 25p to 20p. in the pound and to balance the budget, while without raising taxes Labour will have little scope to go beyond its short-term spending pledges until 1994-95.
The implications are too

embarrassing to be admitted now. For the Tories. tight controls over public spending will have to be im-'A consensus on basics gives posed after the election and a balpoliticians anced budget is the comfort of few years. For Labhuddling our, spending aspirations will together to have to scaled back even if borrowing is maintained at a avoid awkward

high level, and the

tax burden will

probably have to

rise. Labour at

cost concedes that

it will not be possible to cut taxes. Neither party is prepared to discuss long-term spending trends. The Tories' attempt in the mid-1980s was abortive because the implications were politically unacceptable. In practice, no party has much scope because of the steady growth of social security and health budgets. In America also, last week's budget showed that expenditure on mandatory programmes, mainly pensions and welfare payments, has grown from being roughly equal to domestic discretionary spending in the mid-1960s to more than three times as much now. In Britain, there is little public discussion on the scale of resources devoted, say, to the elderly relative to children. It is taboo to point that, though some old people are very poor, the elderly benefited during the 1980s from high real

tional pension schemes. Even where is no consensus the parties are eager to dodge issues. The Tories are reluctant to debate questions of constitutional reform such as Scottish devolution and central/local government rela-tions, while Labour does not want to talk about how it will curb pay claims by public

interest rates, the rise in house

prices and the growth of occupa-

The public's view of the election is not as narrow as the campaign managers would like it to be. To the extent that real choices about the economy and defence are not being presented by the parties, the electorate is being short-changed.

#### Daniel Johnson on a Jewish accusation that the betrayal of Christ is an anti-Semitic myth

udas Iscariot! To Christians, the word is an accusation hurled from hell, the disciple whose name became synonymous with betrayal. In the last circle of the Inferno, Virgil hardly needs to tell Dante the name of the signer whom Satan himself is champing

But Judas has sometimes evoked sympathy. The 19th century French scholar Ernest Renan, whose Life of Jesus was the most famous attempt to treat Christ as a purely historical figure, saw Judas as a zealot, an anti-Roman agitator who believed in Jesus as a political messiah, but betrayed him out of disappointment with his un-worldly gospel of peace and love. Even Renan, however, accepted

the fact of Christ's betrayal at the hands of the Iscariot. Now Judas has found an altogether more macroby, a distinguished Jewish biblical scholar. Judas Iscariot and the Myth of Jewish Evil, to be published later this month by Peter Halban, continues the argument of Maccoby's earlier works. In essence, he thinks that Jesus was an orthodox Jewish messiah, and the aposte Jude or Judas was one and the same person as Judas Iscariot. There was no betraval of Jesus and his execution by the

## Rehabilitating Judas

the Jews. His life and death were transformed by the apostle Paul from Gnostic and Hellenistic sources into a mystery cult of human sacrifice and atonement

For Maccoby, the invented be-trayal of Jesus by Judas on behalf of the Jewish people is an integral part of this myth; through the Pauline church the bacilius of anti-Semitism entered the life-blood of Christianity, through Christianity, it passed into post-Christian ideologies such as Nazism and Marxism. Maccoby states baldly: "Every politicial system that has a concept of an active principle of evil in the world elects the Jews for the diabolic role."

I shall leave to others the task of engaging with Maccoby's textual and other evidence. My concern is with his indictment of the Christian religion. He does not see as accidental the frequent identification of Judas with the Jews in Christian culture, and suggests that this anti-Semitic caricature to be found not only in the anonymous authors of medieval



Symbol of evil: Judas in a medieval manuscript

passion plays and their immediate successors (such as Mariowe and Shakespeare), but in writers of exemplary tolerance, a George Herbert or a Laurence Sterne — is implicit in the Christian structure of thought. In order to "rehabili-tate" Judes, "the myth of God incarnate" would have to be accepted by all Christians as exactly that: a myth and no more.

Is the Christian view of the Jews as crass as all that? In what sense can the conflation of Judas and the Jewish nation be said to be implicit im Christianity itself? Maccoby cites remarks to that effect by a few later Christian theologians, but he admits that in the New Testament This . . . would seem to have been unconscious". Is it not a dubious policy to build such a ferocious indictment of a religion on a link which, in its canonical texts, is

mercly unconscious or implicit? The fact that many (but by no means all) predominantly Christian societies have discriminated against Jews, or even murdered them, does not prove that Chris-tian doctrine is the cause of such recution. It seems even more far-fetched to lay the blame for all the anti-Semitic monstrosities practised by Nazi, communist and other atheist systems on so-called

Pauline Christianity". In reality, Christian attitudes to the Jews have always derived from a mixture of admiration and mistrust. This is due not least to the vital part played by the Old

Humphry and her ending was

successful, to a considerable extent

because there was, or Mr Hum-

Judaic component that helps to distinguish it from Gnosticism and the early heresies. The survival of Judaism as a living faith has always been important to Christian eschatology. St Paul himself, Maccoby's villain, saw the Jews at witnesses to the truth until the

Second Coming.

The story of Judas is disturbing even to the disinterested agnostic. how much more so to Christians. Yet it is possible to disentangle the historical Judas story from the hideous anti-Jewish interpretation of later times. Judas - whoever he was, whatever he did, whyever he did it - was not a representative of his people. Maccoby's parting shot, that "the restoration of honour to the name Judas" would do the same for "the people of Judah who still bear this name". falls into the same trap as the anti-

Semites, only in reverse. Christianity and Judaism are incompatible, but neither religion is intrinsically intolerant of others. Jesus and the other disciples were no less Jewish than Judas; equally. Judas was one of the first Christians. We are all. Jews and Gentiles, capable of betrayal. We all need God's forgiveness and, in spite of Dante, we may all (even Judas) hope to receive it.

## Whose death is it anyway?

The flourishing gurus of suicide

are helping end lives that might better

be saved, writes Bernard Levin

iven the choice, I would rather not be married to Mr Derek Humphry. Mr Humphry might reasonably say that he would in no circumstances consider marrying me, but I thought I should make my position plain. Any such approach would be — politely, I hope — unambiguously declined. But before I explain I must digress.

It has long been true that anyone going into an American hospital, to have treatment for whatever malady, is immediately rushed into the operating theatre, there to undergo a full and generally successful cashectomy. True, in many cases the treatment has led to a serious attack of insolvency, usually traced to the use of an unsterilised IOU, and when, on top of that, doctors have set in, recovery is rare.

Now, however, in words of a more ancient provenance. American medicine can be said to have added a new terror to death. All people going into a hospital there, for any reason — triple heart bypass, chilbiains, brain surgery, grazed knee - are formally asked whether, should they later find themselves brain-dead and on a life-support machine, the machine should be switched off and death.

allowed to take over:
This remarkable state of affairs has come about by legislation (the Patient Self-Determination Act, and anyone but an American legislator will already have realised that the mortality figures will soar heavenwards (absit omen) when the thing gets into its stride; fallen arches or liver transplant, the sufferer will now have so worry about the ghastly document, the very wording of which must settle the hash of many of those who go into hospital with a light heart and

come out in a heavy casket. That is not the extent of the Americans' obsession with death.



would never happen so them. But now, it seems, so far from Americans insisting on im-mortality, they are practising self-I panicked. My mouth dried up and I could not control the tears ending in great and growing numbers. Which is where Mr which rushed to my eyes. It was the most swhil moment of my life. However, I had to answer, "Yes, my darling, it is." Humphry, to say nothing of his bank balance, comes in.

Mr Humphry has had the mis-fortune to have had two wives, both of whom died of cancer. Let us look at his first bereavement, and his first book. His wife, Jean, had cancer, and was told that she would not survive the year. Mr Humphry, against the day when she would wish to die, laid in a stock of overdoses, and when the day did come, he records the dialogue as follows:

"Derek?" Jean called softly. "Yes, darling?"
"Is this the day?"



... I took her in my arms and

kissed her. 

That sickening stuff is from Mr Humphry's book; naturally, I have no knowledge of its authenticity, and the only other person who does is in no position to correct errors, if any. He married again,

as we shall learn.

phry said there was, a likelihood that it would lead to prosecution for him; he had helped to kill his wife, and in British law there is no extenuating clause for those who do so, even for the purest motives. He was not charged, and doubtless the book's sales rose again. In any case, he and his new wife had thought it best to settle in America, where they founded an organis-ation called Hemlock, devoted to helping people wishing to kill themselves to do so (I am sorry about this macabre stuff, but Mr Humphry is macabre, very). Anyway, Hemlock began to flourish



throughout the United States, and there Mr and the second Mrs

Or rather, he is. The second Mrs Humphry also contracted cancer (she has since died of it), whereupon Mr Humphry left her, explaining his removal from the matrimonial home and hearth by means of — an up-to-date fellow, Mr Humphry, as well as a macabre one - a message on the matrimo-

nial answering machine. They fell out very badly; perhaps I might quote from another of Mr H's telephone messages to his former beloved. It went like this:

If you continue this studid fighting one step more, I shall give your sister and nieces a full statement that you've committed a crime in helping your parents to die. They will then be able to sue you for the \$300,000 you inherited . . . I'm in deadly earnest . . . "

Now, perhaps, you understand

marriage with Mr Humphry. But I must now explain why it is in the highest degree unlikely that he would feel a need to join with me in holy matrimony. For Mr Humphry has recently published a book in the United States called Final Exit, which has turned out to be an

enormous success, soaring up the bestseller list. Who needs Levin? Final Exit is a manual of suicide, which describes ways in which a man or woman (or, it occurs to me, a child) might practise self-ending. It is immensely thorough, describ-ing any number of methods, and God knows (though Mr Humphry certainly does not) how many people with minds troubled in various ways — financial, matrimonial, gerontological — have been helped by Mr Humphry's advice to end a life which might. with a little help from a friend, a neighbour, a priest or a fine day.

go on happily for many years. Mr Humphry's book is banned in Britain. Here it is a crime to give instruction in suicide or to help anyone to do it. But of course contraband copies of Mr Humphry's book are coming into the country. Rope, anybody? (No. I must be fair: Mr Humphry urges those looking for the exit not to find it by hanging themselves; it is unpleasant for the subject and

clear up.)
Mr Humphry has recently had something of a setback; there was a proposal before the legislature in Washington State which would have made it legal for doctors to kill patients directly, by giving an overdose of a lethal drug, or by an equally death-inducing injection.

A referendum was held, and the proposal, heavily tipped to succeed, was defeated by 54 per cent to 46 per cent. Still, although he failed to conclude such a notable advance in medicine, Mr Humphry, his book and his organisation are no doubt flourishing, so if you want to know the best way of doing yourself in, you know where to go. As for me, marrimony is not the only offer from him I would shun. I would not accept a free copy of his suicide manual either.

#### ...and moreover MATTHEW PARRIS

A t Chesterfield railway sta-tion, entrance and exit is gained through double swing doors. Each door, left and right, has a handle, but you cannot tell whether either is supposed to be pushed or pulled. You would calculate from this that the traveller who arrives at Chesterfield, faces the doors and takes a guess would have a 50 per cent chance of getting it right.

But one of the pair is permanently bolted; this can neither be pushed nor pulled. Looking at the doors, however, you cannot tell whether it is the left or the right which is the dud. The reader may care to recalculate. Your conclusion should be that the traveller stands a one in four chance of getting it right first time. The traveller who does is lucky, and the only one (if to push is the answer) who does not have to put down all his luggage in order to pull. The unjuckiest one is the traveller who first pulls the dud door, then pushes it. then, turning his attention to the door which does open one way, tries to open it the other way. Only on the fourth try does one of the

That is, if our traveller reaches a fourth try. For, with half an hour to kill the other day, I kept watch at the doors and observed otherwise. Surprisingly often. human patience snaps at the third unsuccessful push or pull. The traveller turns away from the door, convinced there is something wrong with it.

the other side of the booking hall. These are arranged in the same way as the first, and he must begin the pushing pulling routine all over again.

You will have done the calculation already. It is possible (should our friend be lucky at the second pair of doors only on his fourth attempt; for a traveller to have tried seven ways of getting out of Chesterfield railway station and succeeded only on the seventh.

And that would be the outcome only if our friend reasons his encounter with the second pair of doors more calmly than he reasoned his encounter with the first. Typically, however, this

is not so. Remember we are dealing with an intellect that has grap-pled unsuccessfully with one pair of doors already and turned to the second in something approaching despair. Now he tries to push the left hand one. No luck, so he pulls. Still no luck. He turns to the right hand door and gives one final, angry push. No luck.

The voice of reason should tell him not that he is close to failure, but that he must be close to success. He looks around the small booking hall and observes that there are no other doors except those that lead back on to platform one, for Sheffield, Leeds and York or (via the stairs) platform two, for Derby, Leicester and London. So the swing doors are his only way

On doing so he finds an out. He left only one option alternative set of swing doors on untried with the first pair of doors, and there now remains only one untried option with the second. His confidence should

Sadly, I found that this is not how our friend tends to see it.
Angrily abandoning the attempt
to get through the second doors
just when he should persist, he
hauls his buggage back over the
hall to the first, to have a second something first time.
Your arithmetic has raced

ahead of my prose; he should try

the one option he left untried the first time. It must work.
Sadly, I found this rarely happened. Our friend, you see, has now forgotten what he tried before. He must start again. Allow the behavioural psychologist in who to take over from the gist in you to take over from the mathematician, and you will guess that the traveller tends to try the same things, in the same order, as before. But this was the routine that failed Typically, our friend abundons it after a derisory push and pull. He is losing self-confidence. He hands his baggage back over to the

second set of doors, and . . . I have used Chesterfield station for 14 years. The doors have always been like that. I have cursed them a thousand times. Ten thousand people curse them every week. Not, I believe, since the days of voodoo has a small quantity of wood been cursed so heartily or so often as the swing

#### Kremlin capers

THE Sunday Times story yes-terday about alleged close links between Labour and the Kremlin raised wry smiles among some who observed those relationships at first hand. They recall a Russian hierarchy that was far from fas-cinated by Neil Kinnock and his colleagues. Nor, it seems, did Kinnock ever labour under any

illusions about the Russians. On the Russian side, the pattern was set when Kinnock and Denis Healey, then shadow foreign affairs spokesman, met Konstantin Chernenko, the ailing Soviet leader. Journalists who spoke Russian heard Chernenko enquire of an aide: "Who is this Neil Kinnock?"

Healey too, despite having a relationship with the Russians dating back to his days as the party's international secretary, was not always recognised. He was once barred from a reception at the Kremlin to mark the 40th anniversary of victory in Europe. "In desperation. I pulled out my wallet and showed my old age pension-ers' bus pass from the GLC.

Healey recalls. It worked.
Healey turned into a skilled communist-batter. In 1984, he and Kinnock were met by a reception committee led by Boris Ponamaryov, the communist theoretician and recipient of the "Kinnock" cables from the Soviet embassy in London. "Same old malia I see," Healey remarked.

Kinnock himself went out of his way to make plain his distaste for much that he found. At one legendary meeting with Georgi Arbatov, the Kremlin's foreign relations adviser, he broke his pencil into little pieces under the table with frustration. "I didn't come all this way to listen to propaganda."



● At the World Cup it was Puccini's Nessun Dorma and at this month's Winter Olympics it will be Verdi. The rousing chorus from Nabucco — "Va, pensiero, sull' ali dorate" — will herald the BBC's coverage of the games. This is rather appropriate as the words mean: "Fly, thought, on wings of gold."

#### Haul of fame

MICHAEL JACKSON has called on a medity of American super-stars for his latest music video, premicred in the US last night. Magic Johnson, the basketball player who tested HIV positive last year, opens the film by smashing on a large dinner gong like the Rank muscleman. Johnson's worldwide fans can look forward to the sight of him stripped to the waist. while Jackson's followers will be able to savour his first on-screen

Remember The Time, the second video to accompany Jackson's new Dangerous album, is set in ancient Egypt and features com-edian Eddie Murphy and the black model and actress Iman,

who plays Queen Neferbit.

Jackson appears in a monks habit which he strips off to reveal a golden Flash Gordon-style space

that Eddie Murphy orders his guards to capture him. After a chase through the back alleys of Cairo, Jackson and Iman end up in each other's arms and kiss pas-•India's links with the Raj are not

entirely over. Marc Curzon, a descendant of Lord Curzon, viceroy from 1898 to 1905, is touring the sub-continent on a bicycle Curzon, a 24-year-old student, set off from London in September with two friends on a trip to

#### Southern comfort

WHERE better to write a 300year history of a Berkshire village than in the depths of southern France? That, at least, is the thinking of Adam Thorpe, who has bur-ied himself in the foothills of the Cevennes to write Ulverton, which chronides a fictional village from



Speaking from his French retreat, Thorpe says: "I armed my-self with 100 books from England, and a lot of notes from the Public Record Office. This is a remote suit and skirt. He so enraptures area and I really do feel inspired Nefertiti with his frequied dancing when I wander off into the moun-

tains and see a shepherd leading his goats.
"But I also feel a certain

homesickness for the Downlands of Berkshire which spurs on my writing. My house here is also just right: it's a 500-year-old olive mill with its own historical tale." Ulverton focuses episodically on life in the Berkshire village at intervals of 30 years.

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#### Changing places

EUROCRATS may be notorious for their conservatism but this year they are daring to change the order in which EC countries hold the six-month rotating presidency.

The countries which are lum-

bered with this from July to December, which will next be Britain, complain they get a raw deal. Nothing much happens in Brussels over the summer, which leaves a mad rush from October to prepare for the December

So... this year Britain will hand over to Denmark instead of Belgium, the usual successor. Every other country will then change with the next in alphabetical order. Douglas Hurd, hoping that he will still be foreign secretary in July, is said to be delighted that Denmark will join him in the troika of past, present and future presidents. The Danes are, after all, the most sceptical Europeans after the British.

This move really does break the mould, which has been fixed by the even number of members. But it could all change again if the Community opens its doors to new

Baroness Jeger of St Pancras points out that she is not Jenny Jeger's mother as we reported in Saturday's diary. "I am only bright young Jenny's old auntie."



#### PROFESSIONAL FOUL?

The professions have long occupied an enviable niche in the British class structure. The doctor, the lawyer, the accountant, the architect, the surveyor, the academic all basked in the desiderata of civilised life. Work was stimulating; security of employment was substantial. Supply of practitioners was kept just short of demand by control over entry into the profession, often backed by statute. A sufficient and often ample income could therefore comfortably be enjoyed. Above all practitioners could expect nearuniversal admiration and respect, untouched by the peculiar British prejudice against commerce and industry.

To ensure the best possible service to customer, client or patient, lengthy and expensive training had to be undergone. This was both for the acquisition of appropriate professional skills and for a long and gradual initiation into the ethos and tradition of that professional sub-class. But long and poorly remunerated training had the incidental effect of putting substantial barriers in the way of those who might wish to practise such professions. Unpaid or underpaid labour was required of would-be and trainee barristers and doctors. Accountants had to pass examinations which rivalled in difficulty the legendary tests set to Chinese civil servants.

And what starts as a necessary professional criterion can eventually become a blatant restrictive practice, the desirable protection of the public giving way to the undesirable protection of professional privilege. Those who have earned the rights and privileges of professional status the hard way will not gladly see their ranks diluted and their space invaded by others who have found an easier route. So academics will prize their "tenure". Teachers will demand graduate-only entry. Advertising agents, insurance brokers, even estate agents, will organise themselves in quasi-professional bodies to uphold standards and to restrict competition from - so they say — the "cowboys".

Little of this has changed in the past decade. One achievement of Thatcherism was to diminish the power of those trade unions that organised manual workers. The professional closed shops, the trade unions of the middle classes, survived intact. Margaret Thatcher bequeathed what she inherited: a legal profession divided between barristers and solicitors; a medical profession divided between surgeons, general practitioners, paramedics and nurses; neither profession eager to examine, let alone change, its traditional internal demarcations and restrictions.-- -

There is a plausible case for each restriction: the enhancement of the public interest, the protection of public safety and the long-term nourishment of expertise. Each has its objections too. Combinations and cartels of private capital and labour are rightly limited by law, and their control has been rigorously extended by recent parilaments. The willin ness or these liaments at the same time to protect the professions from such reforms counts among the more damaging hypocrisies of British public life.

Tory ministers have toyed with it. But Lord Mackay's attempts to reform the legal profession were amended to death, showing how far the reforming zeal applied to trade unions withered when faced with professional union opposition. The cause of reform, however, is not yet lost. The surface ice hides great currents flowing below, mostly moved by marketplace pressure. In a series of Monday editorials The Times will examine the challenges facing individual professions in the 1990s. Each is different and the symptoms of stress vary. Yet

common elements can be distinguished. The dominant one is the decline of deference on the part of those who seek the help of a profession. Not all professionals wear uniforms, but each was trained to expect the respect implied by the doctor's white coat and the barrister's wig. A professional opinion, once sought, was to be accepted. A second opinion, and by implication a testing of the market, would be impudent and very costly. (The NHS enshrined the right to a second opinion, butonly after fierce argument from doctors.)

Today's educated layman is increasingly ready to challenge his professional adviser. The lawyer and the accountant are no longer left to administer the rules, but asked to find a way round them. The professional is expected to deliver: to make the patient better, the company profitable, the building beautiful and the case winnable. No latitude is left for failure, little for ethics.

With this has come a transatiantic import, a willingness to sue if satisfaction is not given. Time was when the consumer of a professional service was a willing victim of monopoly practices. If advice was bad — too bad for the customer. Today, redress is sought. Architects may spend a quarter of their income on indemnity insurance. Arthur Andersen, the accountants, find themselves sued for up to \$1 billion in the De Lorean affair. British obstetricians now pay nearly £2,000 a year for malpractice cover, Surveyors are allocating up to 6 per cent of turnover to the same end. Lawyers even sue lawyers.

The professions, unused to consumer criticism, hardly know where to turn in the storm. And the marketplace too is insinuating itself past even the most elaborate fortifications. Professional marketing is responding, aided by the collapse of monopolistic bans on advertising. Solicitors now mount "make a will week"; hospitals advertise for patients. This must change the relationship between the professions and their clients. It is hard to keep an aloof detachment from a client whose custom has

While the professions may maintain national monopolies over entry, they cannot resist the onward march of the European Community's competition policy. The imposition of mutual recognition of professional qualifications is near, though resistance in Germany, Greece and Spain remains. The European Court has used its powers to prevent unreasonable insistence on local knowledge and qualifications. The market for professions is less rigidly national than it was; and the process is unlikely to stop here.

Already British accountants dominate the European market. British architects are not far behind. French hospitals are bidding for British business. Sensible professions will welcome the competition. Auditors, for example, are operating in a mature market. which is no longer growing demestically. Their best opportunity for expansion lies in the rest of Europe. Competition will be a sour to efficiency. And without efficiency, Britain's professions will wither, whatever support they continue to enjoy in Whitehall and Westminster.

To the customer these developments are 2000L LINCIE ea compension reduce prices. Legal redress, provided the courts exercise restraint, will improve standards and ensure that the burden of failure lies where it ought to lie. But politics cannot remain aloof much longer. Market pressure will demand legal reform of professional privilege, as it did in the City before the Big Bang. The Labour party has a strong professional base, particularly in the public sector, but need not show undue tenderness to well rewarded and powerful professions. The Conservatives, if they remain serious about the supply side of the economy, should extend the good work done on trade union monopoly to the middle classes.

For the professions themselves, the last decade of the millennium will be a critical one. Hard questions have to be asked, difficult dilemmas must be grappled with, so that increased competition really does make for a better service for the customer. Next Monday we examine the fate of the accountants.

## **COUP DE GRACE**

George Habash's brief visit to Paris was an unqualified fiasco. The country's top civil servants, including the secretary-general of the Quai d'Orsay, have been sacked. The socialist party is in embarrassed disarray. The opposition is calling for the dismissal of the interior and foreign ministers, and many now say that Edith Cresson, the hapless prime minister, may yet have to pay the price of her government's incompetence.

But President Mitterrand's angry denunciation of his "mad" underlings will not be enough to distance him from the most damaging scandal since the Greenpeace affair. A demoralised government has acted without any compass except that of expediency. The affair could end in the premature resignation of an elderly president widely perceived as having lost his political touch.

The incident is yet another in a chain of misfortunes to hit an accident-prone government. In itself it does not necessarily point to disarray and paralysis at the top. Yet it has reinforced such a public perception, which has already made Mme Cresson the most unpopular prime minister for a decade and led France's neighbours to speak of a fin de siècle drift in Paris. The more an incredulous public learns, the more pointed its questions. Who authorised Mr Habash's entry? Was it his first visit? Why did a top Red Cross official and presidential adviser encourage him to go to Paris? Why were armed police on hand to meet and guard him? Who tipped off the press and for what motive?

The government's response has been equally incredible. Officials could not ignore the inevitable public outrage; George Habash, as leader of the hardline terrorist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was responsible for the terrorising of passengers hijacked to Entebbe as well as the seinire and destruction of four planes forced.

down in 1970 in the Jordan desert. But a move to arrest him brought warnings that the PFLP would take revenge on French targets anywhere in the world. In light of France's penchant for making deals with kidnappers and terrorists, this blackmail appears to have worked. Officials decided Mr Habash, in Paris for what his wife called a "routine check-up", was "too ill" to be interviewed by security police. Yet he was not too ili to be bundled aboard a plane, or so unable to speak that he could not telephone his family in Jordan to say he felt fine.

What is particularly damaging in the eyes of French voters is not the cynicism of expelling the unwanted patient: government has long been seen as a dirty business masked only by its practitioners' suave presentation. It is the cloddish stupidity of those at the top, who either did not know what was going on and abdicated responsibility or knew and were lying. They have made a laughing-stock of the state — "the

state goes mad," as Libération declared. For the French, the smooth functioning of the body politic has long been a source of pride. Senior officials, educated at the grandes écoles, are expected to be efficient, sophisticated, ruthless if necessary, but above all capable of acting in France's interests. Now the administrative organs have brought ridicule upon themselves, and France has lost face among its allies and in the Middle East. On the eve of an important United Nations summit, President Mitterrand suf-

fered a cruel blow to his pride and credibility. France is a power in Europe, in the Middle East and in the United Nations Security Council. Its views need to be clear and coherent. George Habash has performed another act of terrorism in blowing up public confidence, aided and abetted by bungling at the heart of the French government.

#### Challenging the Tories on taxes

From Mr Giles Radice, MP for Durham North (Labour)

Sir, By telling the House of Som-mons (report, January 29) that there "will be no VAT increase" Mr Major has undermined the credibility of the Conservative party's fiscal arith-metic. In addition to plans for increasing public spending (esti-mated by the Henley Centre at £25 billion), the Conservatives are also promising both to eliminate the Budget deficit and to reduce income tax from 25p to 20p. The combined cost of these last two comes to at least. £35 billion, making £60 billion in all. The only way that all these commitments add up is if the Tories increase indirect taxes, above all VAT.

In the past, Conservative spokesmen have always kept their options open by using the time-honoured formula that they had "no plans to increase value-added tax". This was understandable because, of course, under recent Conservative govern-ments. VAT has been increased from 8 per cent to 17.5 per cent Indeed, the Conservative 1991 campaign guide actually says that one of the key Tory objectives is "to switch the burden of taxation, to some extent, from taxes on earnings to taxes on spending".

Now the prime minister has categorically denied that a Conservative government would raise VAT. Sir Geoffrey Howe made a similar denial before the 1979 election, after which he put up VAT from 8 per cent to 15 per cent. But if Mr Major is sincere in his pledge, it follows that he will have to abandon his commitment to balance the Budget and reduce income tax to 20 per cent. He cannot have it both ways.

Yours faithfully GILES RADICE. House of Commons. January 29.

From Mr Roland Sperryn-Jones Sir, To compare the socialist proposal to increase National Insurance contributions with the Maxwell pension funds is probably over the top but Dr Torrance (letter, January 29) misses the point. If National Insurance contributions are to fund national insurance, then they should rightly be a per capita charge.

The dishonesty in the socialist approach is to presend that removing the National Insurance contribution ceiling is not the same as increasing higher rates of income tax. It is that presentation which is essentially dishonest, together with the blatant vote-buying which says to nine out of ten people, vote for us and our increased spending will not cost you a penny. This is simply a permutathe rich until they squeal".

I do not entirely subscribe to the view that all taxation is legalised theft. In a civilised society we pay taxes partly in order to assist those in genuine poverty. The problem with the socialist dogma is that the increased taxation they are propos-ing is to be spent wastefully in a nondiscriminatory (Le., non-meanstested) manner

ROLAND SPERRYN-JONES. 8 The Gateway, Woodham, Woking, Surrey. January 29.

#### Student funding

From the President of the National Union of Students

Sir, The findings of the Mori poll (report, January 30) showing that parents would be "willing to pay topup fees" for their children's higher education cannot be taken seriously when 30 per cent of parents now fail even to make the assessed contribution to top up their maintenance

Yours sincerely, STEPHEN TWIGG, President, National Union of Students. Nelson Mandela House, 461 Holloway Road, N7. January 30.

#### Legal-aid fees

From Mr Ian Kelcey

Sir. The Lord Chancellor, in his letter of January 24, refers to the average payment per legal-aid case having risen by 81 per cent. My understanding is that that payment includes remuneration to solicitors for attend-ing police stations, following the bringing into force of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. Solicitors are now under an obliga-

tion to attend the police stations and clients have the right to free legal advice when in custody.

This, of course, was a piece of legislation which this government was responsible for implementing. If the Lord Chancellor's figures include payment for this service it is hardly surprising that there has been a large percentage increase.

Is it therefore the Lord Chancellor's intention that solicitors in private practice should be asked to ubsidise the cost of implementation of this Act?

Yours faithfully, IAN KELCEY Kelcey & Hall (solicitors). Fosters Chambers, 17 Small Street, Bristol, Avon. January 24.

#### Case for competition on the railways. Flying the right

From Mr P. J. Coster

Sir, Oh dear! And just when I had thought that more enlightened artitudes might be brought to bear on the future of rail transport than those of the Marples Beeching era, too!

There may indeed be two routes to Scotland as your second leader proclaims ("Mr Rifkind's folly". January 27), but a glance at the map will show that there is only one route to the intermediate cities, Newcastle or Leeds for instance, on one route, or Liverpool or Manchester on the other, and to many other centres of considerably greater significance for BR's income than Edinburgh or Glasgow. The same principle applies to towns lying between London and Southend, for instance.

It is this shortsighted policy which has removed a number of routes which might by now be providing a useful service to a number of provincial towns, and has impaired other

The Salisbury-Exeter route, for example, has been reduced largely to single track and its operational flexibility all but ruined: it would cost a fortune to make good the damage.

The rail network as a whole has a far greater value than the sum of its parts. It is important that, however owned, it should act as a single coherent part of the nation's transport infrastructure. Competition is only meaningful when a customer is offered a choice of carrier and conditions at the point of sale.

How are the recreated GWR, LMSR, SR, and LNER to compete with one another when the purposes which each serves are so different? One might as well try to compare two airlines operating in different parts of the world.

However, if the rail user could choose between services of, say, the LNER reincarnated, Virgin, BAA, Marks & Spencer, and others, running over the same route, then we have true competition. Mr Rifkind's decision to open the rail network to

private carrier, passenger or freight, is a step in the right direction.

Yours sincerely. P. I. COSTER. The Jointure, 15 South Street. Ditchling, Sussex.

Sir, Contrary to the view stated by your leader-writer, fairly healthy competition exists between the westcoast main line to Scotland and its east-coast counterpart. The latter is winning at the moment, but BR's plans to upgrade the former (stymied while the French state railway freely raises money from the markets in London) should help to up the ante. You failed to note that those wishing to travel between Edinburgh and Glasgow now have a choice between InterCity and Regional Railways. The hudicrous and quite fatal decision by BR to single-track Scotland's busiest junction at New-

From Mr Lawrence Marshall ....

ton to the south of Glasgow - a project largely driven by InterCity to speed its trains up there, irrespective of the impact on local services - and the current delays being experienced over that stretch of track have certainly not helped InterCity.

However, the passengers on InterCity for the journeys between Glasgow and Edinburgh and vice versa can usually be counted on one hand. Most still opt for the Regional Railways service which existed before competition was introduced.

The "golden age" of the railways, when competition from other modes of transport barely existed, brought with it only something like six: daytime trains between Edinburgh and London, BR, in the guise of InterCity, now operates that number by 10 o'clock in the morning (the total daytime service numbers 17, even in winter). It was also difficult in those days to travel between Aberdeen and Plymouth without changing trains. From today's perspective, that golden age has rather the appearance of fool's gold. Yours sincerely, LAWRENCE MARSHALL,

50 (3F1) King's Road, Portobello, Edinburgh 15.

#### Support role of merchant shipping

From Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin

Your leading article, "Whither Tri-dent?" (January 30), suggests that the only believable deterrent to any nuclear threat to British security posed by countries such as Libya, Iraq, Pakistan or Ukraine woold be "that deployed to considerable success in the South Atlantic and the Gulf: a well-trained, well-led army and air force..."

You will, how ever, recall that the troops were transported to the South Atlantic by the ships of the Royal and merchant navies while air defence and air support for the ground forces were provided by aircraft and helicopters of the Fleet Air Arm and the Royal Air Force.

In the Gulf ships of the Royal Navy enforced sanctions for the six months it took to transport to the theatre all the vehicles, ammunition and stores needed by the land and air forces before they could jaunch the offensive. Sea mines which might have prejudiced the timely build-up were deared by Royal Navy mine counter

measures forces. Fortunately Iraq's minelaying capability was limited to the local area and it had no submarines.

For both these campaigns command of the sea — and the air above it — was essential and the vital resource, as in both world wars, was merchant shipping. More than twice as many merchant ships as warships provided the logistic support for the Faiklands. Of the equipment required by the UK air and land forces in the Gulf, 86 per cent was transported by sea.

I am a strong proponent of the inter-dependence of the three services; you would expect no less from a former chief of defence staff. In any future military operation it is virtually certain that all three services will need to demonstrate again their ability to work together that is the envy of many - and we will need merchant ships.

Yours faithfully, LEWIN. House of Lords. January 31.

#### Arabic and science

From Professor Emeritus S. A.

Sir, You commend the Arab contribution to science (leading article, "Symbolic equations", January 22) but imply that Arabic is not an adequate vehicle for science. You add: "The Arab scholars of the dark ages in Spain were undoubtedly great men and a vital link to the wisdom of the past. But their algebra, science and geography were primitive and their language was not peculiarly scientific."

This unfair generalisation applies almost to all past scientific works, including those of Isaac Newton. Yet

Devon and Exeter Law Society

concerned by your misunderstanding of the decision by this society not

to participate for one month in either

the court or 24-hour duty-solicitor

scheme. We do not regard this

decision as either "impatient" or unprofessional. We have taken it

after very careful consideration and

after full notice to the relevant

Those in custody will still have the

benefit of legal advice, but for one

month this will not be in the middle

of the night or at weekends. Mem-

bership of duty-solicitor schemes which will not be serviced for this

period is voluntary and all existing

clients will be represented as normal.
We have a genuine and overriding

concern about the future of criminal

justice. You reach the same conclu-sion as us that the Lord Chancellor, if

"diplomatic and wise", should refer this issue to the Royal Commission

on Criminal Justice. We do not mock

the quality of legal aid service by our

decision: it is our very concern to preserve that quality for the future

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he remains one of the leading ploneers of scientific discovery in physics, mathematics and astronomy after more than three centuries.

Arabisation of colleges and universities in the Arab world began early in the 19th century with the advent of Muhammad Ali Pasha in Egypt. long before the rise of Islamic fundamentalism, which has become the new anathema after the collapse of Russian communism to frighten people away from anything unacceptable to Western interests.

Yours faithfully, S. A. KHULUSI, 53 Walton Crescent, Oxford. January 23.

From the President of the

which has driven us to this unprece-Sir, Though I welcomed the conclu-Yours faithfully sion of your leading article, "Price of justice" (January 22), I was most

STEPHEN LAWSON, President, Devon and Exeter Law Society, Castle Square House. Castle Street, Exeter, Devon. January 23.

From the President of the Cornwall Law Society

Sir, Your leader incorrectly stated that solicitors in Cornwall have decided to withdraw from their 24hour duty-solicitor scheme. This society decided on January 7 not to take this action because we felt that it would be professionally wrong to deny assistance to suspects in police

We do, however, fear that standard fees will prevent many cases being prepared properly for trial in the magistrates' courts. To avoid compromising the professional input required in these cases, we will have to advise clients to elect trial at the crown court. Such advice will only be tendered when crown court trial is in all respects an equally suitable op-

Yours faithfully, A. S. KNIGHT, President, Cornwall Law Society, 6 Chapel Street. Camborne, Cornwall. January 24.

#### flag for Europe From Mr Desmond Harney

Sir. As the Community is clearly with us and we with it, is it not time to give thought to re-designing that uninspiring flag whose principal virtue seems to be that, child-like, one can stick more stars on as new members

appear? It is bloodless and boring. Television graphics have had some better ideas: one had miniature national flags in place of the stars far more interesting and colourful, and retaining at least some connection with the constituent national states (surely not to be extinguished entirely?) Another, more complex. had the stars still ranged around but with all the flags set in a mosaic in

the centre. Another thought would be to have each national flag set in the top left-hand corner, as the Union Jack is in the old Dominion flags, with a different version for each member state, just as the new Community passport has a different cover from country to country.

Yours faithfully, DESMOND HARNEY, 16 Stafford Terrace, W8. January 31.

#### Poll tax spending

From Councillor Graham Tope Sir, In the continuing political debate about the unfairness of the poll tax, one aspect of the whole fiasco has gone virtually unreported - the arbitrary way in which the government has set spending levels and grants for some local authorities.

The government has set ceilings on Sutton's spending which forced us to lop £11.5 million from this year's budget, and next year we are having to save a further £8 million. On a budget of little more than £100 million, cuts of that proportion are nothing short of disastrous. Education and social services account for two thirds of our spending, and are inevitably having to bear the main

If Sutton was one of the highspending, profligate authorities that Mr Heseltine so often criticises, there might just be some justification. But we spend £561 per head on our residents compared with E629 with our neighbour and very similar borough, Kingston-upon-Thames. in fact Sutton is the fourth lowestspending borough in London. If we were allowed to spend the same as Kingston, we would have to make no

cuts at all. In addition, our government grant is one of the lowest in London — £486 per adult compared with £534 for Kingston. If we had the same grant as Kingston, we would receive £6 million more. Is Tory Kingston so different from Liberal De Sutton? Perhaps Mr Major could explain to the poll tax payers in the borough where he was born and went to school how such inequality is creating a fair and just society.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM TOPE (Leader), Sutton Council. Civic Offices, St Nicholas Way, Sutton, Surrey.

#### Origins of skiing From Mr E. R. S. Fifoot

Sir, Support for the view that skis were introduced to the Alps from Norway (letters, January 27, February 1) is given by Henry T. Newton Chessbyre in his Recollections of a Five Years' Residence in Norway (London, 1861). What he calls snow shoes are clearly skis: "Flat pieces of wood .... about ten feet six in length, and four inches in breadth, the ends turned up like skates". He says: One of the Chamouni [sic] guides, who spent a winter in Norway, was quite charmed with the snow-shoes; I saw him. on his return to his native land, bearing a whole heap of these articles and staves. and I have no doubt he introduced the us

of them into Switzerland. Monsieu Balmet was rather clumsy with them at first; but ere this, I daresay he does Mont Blanc downwards in a couple of minute on his Norske acquisitions. Yours etc., E. R. S. FIFOOT.

Castle View, Bridge Street. Bampton, Oxfordshire. From Sir John Lawrence

Sir, If I may believe my own father, the late Sir Alexander Lawrence, he won the public schools skiing championship in Switzerland in 1891. The standard was not very

high in those days. He said the only

reason he won was that he was the only one who did not fall down

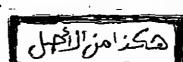
during the course. I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, JOHN LAWRENCE. 1 Naishes Cottages. Northstoke, Bath, Avon.

#### All wrapped up From Mr Alfred Qvist

Sir. Has the limit of absurdity in the use of cling film for packaging food been reached? It was applied, for the first time in my experience to coconus, from Dominica, at my local supermarket recently. Is this the nadir in profiligate and purposefriendly substance?

Yours faithfully, ALFRED OVIST. -Chestnut Cottage, Old Heathfield, Sussex. January 31.

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

SANDRINGHAM February 1: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were repre-sented by the Lady Soames at the Funeral of Mrs Robert Mugabe, which was held at Hero's Acre,

Harare, today. By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long. Lond in Waiting, was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the arrival of the State President of the Republic of South Africa and Mrs de Klerk, and welcomed them on behalf of Her Majesty. February 2: Divine Service was held in West Newton Parish Church this morning. After the

Service. The Queen presented Children's Church Awards to the children of the Parish. The Reverend Canon George Hall preached the Sermon.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 1: The Princess of Wales today visited Cardiff and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards).

Her Royal Highness attended the Wales versus France rugby match at Cardiff Arms Park. Wing Commander David Bar-ton, RAF, was in attendance.

#### Forces' appointments

Brigadier S. R. Carr-Smith to be Division Chief C3 Architecture and Plans Division Nato Command Commol Communications and Information Systems Agency in the rank of Major General, from 3 February 1992. Brigadier R. P. Craig to be

Director of Amory Surgery in the rank of Major General, from J February 1992, in succession to Major General J. T. Coull. Brigadier G. S. Hollands to be Commander Royal Artillery 1st (British) Corps in the rank of Major General, from 26 February 1992, in succession to Major General M. F. L. Shellard. Major General M. F. L. Sheilard.
Brigadler S. W. Stl, Lyde to be
Director Army Air Corps in the
rank of Major General, from 2
March 1992, in succession to
Major General R. D. Grist. BRIGADIER: C A G Wells - To be Cmd RAC Centre, 6,2,92.

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LIEUTENANT COLONELS: Sir Guy
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CO 2 PARA, 5.2.92; F C C Molymonius BA
- To be CO 19 Pd Regt. 3.2.92; T M
PROMETERSTER B MARMET. - To be CO 18

BRIGADIER: N H Cocking, late RTR 7.2.92.

Royal Air Force Air Vice-Marshal D. Cousins is appointed Air Officer Commanding and Commandant RAF College Cranwell, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal R. M. Austin on

Air Vice-Marshal J. A. Cheshire is appointed Assistant Chief of Staff (Policy) Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal A. A. G. Woodford on 28,2,92.

WING COMMANDER: N E EPÜRET - TO RAF WARISPAM 31.92; S G ROGGS - TO RAF NI Flessmi 7.1.92; M Eveleigh - TO MOD 3.2-03; E D Fly - TO MOD 3.2-93; M E WILLIAMSON - TO RAF FIRMINGSEY 3.2-92.

#### Nature notes

JACK snipe from the Arctic are feeding in the mud among low water-plants. They have a remarkable habit of bouncing up and down, as if on springs, as they probe for food: the motion probably disturbs creatures in the mud and makes them easier to find. The jack snipe are usually solitary, but one or two common snipe sometimes feed near them: they someomes reed near ment ment and are noticeably larger, and walk about steadily, while the lack snipe, its back curved and its head down, moves along like a bobbing

through the fog. blue this begin to sing: two or three crisp notes followed by a bright trill. They are starting to take up their territories in a half-hearted way. They are mainly blue above and yellow below, but when they pull out their feathers on a cold day they



COMMON BAILPE

show a black line running down their belly like a great th's. Along West County lanes, yellow-hammers are tentatively establishing their territories with their first songs since October.
On yew trees, there are small yellow flower-buds among the needles; and rosenes of dandelion leaves, like long green fishbones,

are burning out at the foot of

#### **Birthdays** today

Mr G.A. Allan, headmaster, Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, 56; Sir Anthony Alment, obstetrician, and gynaecologist, 70; Miss Gillian Ayres, painter, 62; Mr Val Doonican, singer, 63; Viscount Dunluce, 57; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell, 67; the Earl of Hardwicke, 21; Sir Edgar Keatinge, former MP and company director, 87; Mr James A. Michener, author, 85; Baroness O'Cathain, 54; Miss Elaine Padmore, opera singer and directorness. Padmore, opera singer and direc-tor, 45; Brigadier the Hon Dame Mary Pihl, former director. WRAC. 76; Lord Sherfield, 88; Mr Glen Tetley, choreographer, 66; Mr Frankie Vaughan, singer,

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will present the Ian Charleson Awards at the National Theatre at I.00. The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, will open a Further Education Conference at the CBI Conference Centre, Centre Point,

#### Service dinner

Royal Air Force Regiment A dinner was held in the Officers Mess of the Royal Air Force Regiment Depot at RAF Camerick on January 31, 1992, to mark the Sorth anniversary of the Regi-ment. Air Vice-Marshal D.R. Hawkins, MBE, Commandant General, presided. Principal guests were Air Vice-Marshal R. E. Johns, Air Vice-Marshal D. A. E. Johns, Air Vice-Marshal D. A.
Pocock. Group Captain D.G.
Roberts. Also present were Air
Commodore F. J. Mitchell,
Group Captains M. R. Basnet,
D. A. G. Bremner, W. S. Breeton
Martin, R. J. Fishwick and
Officers of the Corps.

Institution of Civil Engineers

The following have been transferred to the senior grade of

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#### Oueen rewards church children

Twenty-five children who live on folk were presented with books by the Queen yesterday for good attendance at courch.

The children, aged between four and 14, had eartier enter-named the Royal Family at West

Newton Church with a play, "How to be a Hero".

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Mr James Golfar and Miss Patricia Carrington, eldest daughter of Lord and

Lady Francis Russell, were married on Saturday at St Mary The Boltons,

London. The honeymoon is being spent in Bali

Church news

LEGAL NOTICES

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Count Nikolas Jankovich-Besan and Miss G. Shaw

The engagement is announced between Nikolas, eldest son of Count and Countess Stephan Jankovich-Besan, of Johannesburg, and Gail, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H. Shaw, of Naivasha lake, Kenya

Mr CJ. Ricket

and Miss L. Perez The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs M.J. Riches, of Norwich. and Luz, daughter of Señor and Señora Perez Gonzalez, of Puerto de Santa Maria, Spain.

Squadron Leader G.M.C. Selby, RAF

and Miss J.A. Terwick The engagement is announced between Guy Mark Cuningham, son of Mr and Mrs David Selby. of Learnington Spa, and Julie Anne, daughter of Mrs Alma Tenwick and the late John Tenwick, of Sheppey, Kent.

Dr.A.D. Smith and Miss S.C. Whittaker The engagement is announced between Alastair, eldest son of

Mrs P.J. Smith and the late Mr P.J. Smith, of Stramser, Wigtownshire, and Sophie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A. Whittaker, of Stoke Poges.

and Dr J.S. Cooper The engagement is annour

between James, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Thomas, of Willand Old Village, Devon, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Cooper, of Upper Warlingham.

Marriages

Mr J.S. Golfur and Miss P.F. Carrington The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary The Boltons. SW10. of Mr James Golfar, edgest son of the late Mr John Golfar and Mrs Joan Golfar of London, to Miss Patricia Carrington, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Francis Russell, of London. The Rev Stephen Bartlett officiated. The bride, who was given in

The bride, who was given in marriage by Lord Franics Russell, was amended by Zoe Zimmer, Casper Austin, Anton Austin, Lexi Franks, Jenna Barclay, Sophia Barclay, Sophia Barclay, Sophia Russell, Miss Crarina Russell and Miss Shirley Robinson. Mr Graham Clempson was best man,

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon will be spent in Bali.

Sir Peter Walters and Mrs M. Marshall

The marriage took place on January 31, in London, between Sir Peter Walters and Mrs Meryl

land, acting vice-chancellor of the

Honorary degrees are to be con-ferred on the following in July:

Doctor of Letters: Mr Max Hastings, editor-in-chiel. The Daily Telegraph; Professor Marilyn Speers Butler. King Edward VII professor of English linerature, Cambridge University; Professor Bronislaw Geremek, historian and political thinker; Miss Ianet Surman, actress.

Doctor of laws: Dr Tony O'Relly, chairman. H.J. Heinz, Mr Frank E. May, Leicester businessman.

#### University news LLD: Sir Kenneth Green, Director of Manchester Polytechnic, Emeritus Professor Dennis Wel-

university.

Elections ST ANNES COLLIGE
Honoray belowships: Simon R
conductor, Protessor Mary Do,
former professor of social autho
ogy, Dr Claire Pally, Principal of
Annes College

Cambridge

SELWAN COLLEGE The Rev Dr Micholas Camillaid has been second in a followible

Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following: MA: Mr Bryan Robson, foot-baller; Miss Dora Bryan, acress; Mr Clive Smart, formerly general manager, Halle Concert Society. LLM: Mr George Spafford, Chancellor of the diocese of

MusD: Sir Edward Downes, for-merly Principal Conductor, BBC Philharmonic; Sir John Manduell, Principal, Royal Northern College of Music.

DSocSe Sir Terence Burns, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury.

#### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Fellx Mendelssohn. composer, Hamburg, 1809: Elizabeth Blackwell, physician, co-founder of the London School of Medicine for Women, Bristol, 1821; Robert Cecil, 3rd Mar-quess of Salisbury, prime minister 1885-86, 1886-92, 1895-1902, 1885-86, 1886-92, 1895-1902, Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, 1830: Gertrude Stein, novelist and critic, Alleghany, Pennsylvania, 1874; Alvar Asito, architect and designer, Kuortane, Finland, 1898; Luigi Dallapiccola, composer, Pisono, Austria, 1904. Master of Arts: Mr Terence Garfield, chief technician, department of geography at Leicester; Mr Gary Lineker, footballer. DEATHS: Germain Pilon, sculp tor, Paris. 1590; Richard ("Beau") Nash, master of ceremonies at Bath, Bath, 1761; George Crabbe, poet, Trowbridge, Witshire, 1832; Slr Morell Mackerate, physician, 1992; Weender, Wilson

London 1892: Woodrow Wilson 28th president of the USA 1913-21. Nobel Peace immeate 1920. Washington. 1924; Oliver Heavi-side. physicist. London. 1925; Buddy Holly, singer and guitar-ist. Mason City, Iowa. 1959; Boris Karioff. actor, Midhurst. Sussex. 1969; John Cassavates.

## BIRTHS AICHROTH - On Jamuary 30th, lo Camilla and Mark, a

beform - On January 25th, to Helen (nes Rowe) and Jeremy, a daughter. Kirsty-Alexandra Nancy.

SLLISSON-HUNT - On January 25rd 1992, at home in Ripley, Surrey, to Suzzene and Andrew, a son.

GORING - On January 30th, to Maxine and Johans, a commence. mushter.
HILL: On January 28th, 1992 to Adelé. (Née Marshall) à Kevin at West London Hospital. Harmersmith, a son. Jack Wyall. Here's looking at

18AAC - On January 27th 1992, to Sarah O'Connor and Tom. a wonderful son. Frederick John Fergus KLEIN On January 30th at The Eastern General Hospi-tal, Edinburugh, to Virginia, tose Tebbit) and Ross a daughter. Rachel Kalriona

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FAULL - On January 30th, peacefully at Furze Hill Lodge Kingswood, Frederick Otto, in his 96th year. WILSON - SEE KEIG. On January 28th, suddenly, Carole, deeply treasured wife of Cordon.

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## VICE-ADMIRAL SIR NORMAN DALTON

Vice-Admiral Sir Norman Dalton, KCB, OBE, Engineer-in Chief of the Fleet, 1957-59, and Director-General of Training, 1959-60, died on January 27 aged 87. He was born on February 1, 1904.

NORMAN Dalton was probably the last engineering officer survivor of the original Fisher scheme of training, introduced at the beginning of the century, in which all officers were required (in Fisher's words) to have "some community of knowledge and a lifelong community of sentiment". But he remained loyal to that policy despite its abrogation by the Admiralty soon after the end of the first world war, in what came to be known as the "Great Betrayal" of the Fisher ideal. And he lived long enough to see it reintroduced in the context of the hard lessons learned in the second world war during which 20 years of Admiralty neglect of the engineering branch revealed embarrassing technical shortcomings when Royal Navy ships came to fight alongside their US counterparts in the vast expanses of the Pacific.

Dalton had valuable immersion in the air side of the Royal Navy and his experience of aircraft engineering in the post-war years made him convinced that the gas turbine would some day provide the main propulsion for warships (as Fisher had himself far-sightedly suggested to Sir Charles Parsons that they might, in the far-off days before the first world war). Dalton lived long enough to see his convictions bear fruit in the largely gas-turbined war-ship fleet which fought the battle for the Falklands in 1982, showing a mobility undreamed of during the years 1939-45 when the Royal Navy's ships were bedevilled by propulsion shortcomings and consequently had their endurance at sea greatly reduced.



Dalton volunteered for engineering. duties and joined the battleship Malaya as a midshipman before doing his engineering training at Keyham. Subsequently, after some sea time in the aircraft carrier Furious, he went through the advanced engineering course at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

After a further period in the old coal-burning battleship Benbow he went to HMS Rodney, a new and potentially powerful battleship design unhappily emasculated as a Joining the Royal Navy in 1917, result of the 1921 Washington naval

department and the operations and plans division in London. His charm and professional knowledge did much to smooth the eternal tension between the need for serviceability in the fleet and operational requirements, as well as between the two divisions in London and the Bath machinery designers.

In 1944 he became engineer officer of the carrier HMS Victorious, serving in the East Indies and the Pacific during the last bloody and hard-fought months of the war against Japan. This final phase of the Pacific war was a tough time for the Royal Navy's engineers, who had to work overtime in hellish tropical conditions below decks to enable their obsolete propulsion machinery to give an adequate account of itself alongside the technically superior US Navy.

The enormous expansion of the Fleet Air Arm and its importance in fleet operations required that some of the best naval engineering brains should be applied to naval aircraft requirements — until then the poor relation of the RAF — and to the maintenance of aircraft serviceability at sea. After a conversion course Dalton became successively staff air engineer officer to the flag officer, flying training, followed by spells as assistant and deputy director of air-craft maintenance and repair.

Following this spell in the air world Dalton was appointed assistant engineer-in-chief with wide responsibilities for the officer and rating training of all technical persomel other than for the newly forming electrical branch. As chairman of the Dalton committee he reviewed and revised the whole concept of the training of (the then)

stokes mechanics branch.
Promoted rear admiral in 1954, he became deputy engineer-in-chief. the following year, with wide responsibilities for the design of all propulsion and ancillary machinery and its operational serviceability at sea.

Here, his aircraft experience was invaluable; such innovations as the Ship Maintenance Authority owed much to his view that ships, like aircraft, needed a constant watch on their problems if maximum serviceability was to be achieved.

When he became Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet in 1957 the winds of change were already blowing and a reversion to the Fisher concept of a general list of officers was already in its early and difficult infancy. Like his friend and predecessor, the late Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Mason, Dalton lovally accepted changes not universally approved by some of his subordinates and did much to bring calm to an often tempestuous

More change was to come and a ear later the establishment of the Ship Department left him with no purely technical responsibilities and the navy with no-one directly responsible for optimum mobility. However, his talents were still in need and, while he remained as a sort of "tribal chief" of all mechanical engineers with the title of chief naval engineer officer, he became the first director-general of training of the whole navy.

There remained for him to give

one last service to the navy, and perhaps it was the most important. He became the senior member of the specialisations steering committee, charged with implementing the already approved amalgamation of the engineering and electrical specialisations, which had not always in the past been the most cosy of bedfellows. He lived long enough to see the fruition of his labours in the creation of the weapon engineering branch and, too, to note its effectiveness in the Palklands battle and more recently in the Gulf.

Dalton married, in 1927, Teresa Elizabeth Jenkins. She died in 1982 and their son and daughter survive

#### **APPRECIATIONS**

#### Air Vice-Marshal Sir Edgar Lowe

I SERVED under "Neechi" Lowe (obituary, January 29) from the time of his return from France right through to the end of the Japanese war and my own demobilisation. We made many journeys together, particularly a long one through India and South Asia before the operations to regain Japanese-occupied territory in 1945 (cut short by the atomic bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki).

As a "chair-borne" wartime officer I may perhaps be allowed to touch on the tender relations between the general duties branch and the other branches. Neechi was the only non-GD officer I saw in action who was universally liked and trusted by all his general duties seniors (Portal, Hollingshurst, Slessor and many others). They knew he was absolutely straight and reliable, brilliant both in planning and in day to day administration. Most notably, they regard-

ed him as their protector against "boffins", a breed of doubtful value who invaded Whitehall in droves in the 19408.

Those who knew him will miss Neechi. He was a good man, a kind and understanding superior officer and an outstanding member of his



service. Had he been a general duties officer he would have risen to the very too. But he did not complain about that or anything else.

Robin Jasper

#### Rear-Admiral Grace Hopper

DURING a visit to America some 20 years ago I was privileged to attend a talk given by Grace Hopper (obit-uary, January 4) on the use and abuse of computing ter-minology. At the start of her talk, which was in a lighthearted vein. Grace produced a container of short lengths of wire, which was then emptied onto the table but, much to the chagrin of her audience, she proceeded to completely ignore.

which time everyone was bursting with curiosity, she held up a strand of the wire stating: "This is a nano-second," a remark that met with blank looks from her audience. With a twinkle in her eye she then told all of the delegates to take a piece of the wire and if ever asked to explain a nano-second our reply was to be that it was the time taken for electricity to pass from one end of the wire

to the other. Simple yet effective and I still have my piece of wire but am still awaiting the opportu-

D. Moore

#### **GUSTAV NEIDLINGER**

Gustav Neidlinger, Germun bass-baritone hus died at Bad Ems aged 81. He was born in Mainz on March 21, 1910.

WHEN Bayreuth reopened in 1950 Gustav Neidlinger immediately established himself as one of the foremost singers at the annual Wagner festival. He became the leadthe Ring, a role he subsequently sang in most of the main international houses as well as on both the Soiti and

Böhm recordings of the cycle. In his singing and acting he created a formidable opponent of Wotan, gloating in Alberich's new-found power when he has stolen the gold and frightening in his curse when Wotan seizes the newlyfashioned ring from his grasp. Yet all was achieved without any recourse to what was once known as the Bayreuth Bark. Neidlinger remained true to Wagner's notes and to their musical

The darkness of his voice

encouraged opera houses to cast Neidlinger as a villain. He was impressive as an evil Klingsor, a termented Telramund a posturing Pizarro, a saturnine Lysiart in Weber's Euryanthe, and the equally malign Caspar in the same composer's Der Freischütz. Yet his real, jovial character emerged truthfully in the genial role of Köthner in Die Meistersinger, which he recorded under Rudolf Kempe. After studying in Frankfurt

Neidlinger made his debut at the Mainz opera house. He was at the Hamburg Opera from 1934 to 1950 when he moved to the Stuttgart Opera. It was there that he really began to make his mark under the guidance of Wieland Wagner, who took him to Bayreuth. In 1956 he became a regular member of

Over the next 20 years he appeared in all the major houses in Europe. His career continued well into his own sixties and his New York debut at the Metropolitan Opera, inevitably as Alberich, came as late as 1973. His final appearances at Bayreuth were in 1975. Neidlinger first appeared in Britain with the Stuttgart ensemble during its visit to the Festival Hall in 1955, when he sang Pizarro. His Covent Garden debut was in 1963 as Telramund, followed by Alberich, at Solti's behest, in 1965. Although in later years he became known almost exclusively as a Wagnerian, in his early days he sang regu-larly in Mozart, Verdi and

Neidlinger's voice was an imposing instrument with the granite strength of so many German singers of his generation. Ideally focused, it easily soared over a Wagnerian orchestra. His confrontations with the likes of Hans Hotter as Wotan were eagerly savoured by all Wagnerians. He is survived by his wife, Liesel, a daughter and a son.

Margaret Jane Smyth, CBE, former matron of St Thomas's Hospital and president of the Royal Coll-

treary and its limit of 35,000 tons on

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He had further valuable profes-

sional experience affoat and a teach-

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fore being posted to London in 1939

as professional secretary to the naval

engineer-in-chief. He helped in the

transfer of the engineer-in-chief's

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September 23, 1897. WITH the death of Margaret Jane Smyth, one of the last links with Florence Nightin-Thomas Crawford, one of the original members of the Nightingale Fund Council, a body etablished to administer the monies subscribed by a grateful nation in thanks for the work of Florence Nightin-

ege of Nursing, has died aged 94. She was born on

gale in the Crimean war. She was matron of St Thomas's Hospital and superintendent of the Nightingale Training School (1945-55), chairman of the General Nursing Council (1955-60) and president of the Royal College of Nursing (1960-62). Her last public duty was to receive the Maundy Money from the Queen in Chichester Cathedral in

Margaret Smyth worked on the land in Somerset after leaving school but at the age of 20 took a course on health visiting and school nursing in Bristol. She followed this with midwifery training and a three-year course in maternity and child welfare before entering the Nightingale training school at St Thomas's Hospital. She did extremely well in her general training and was soon appointed as a children's ward



**MARGARET SMYTH** 



sister. For a short time she was in charge of "mothercraft", an out-patient department, followed by three years as matron of St Thomas's

Babies Hospital In 1937 she was appointed principal of St Christopher's Nursery Training College in Tunbridge Wells, where she might have stayed, but with the war imminent she was recalled to St Thomas's as assistant matron. The wartime headquarters of St Thomas's was at Kingston upon Thames and she was responsible for the nursing in a large area of Surrey and part of Hampshire. During the bombing of London she set an example of courage. common sense and compassion, often risking her life to help others.

In 1941, when St Thomas's had received many direct hits, the decision was made for the hospital to move its inpatients to a hutted hospital at Hydestile near Godalming, vacated by Australian troops, and Miss Smyth was appointed acting matron.

Her high standards, quick thinking and sympathy for all concerned in the move ensured that others could face up to the many problems that arose. Margaret Smyth was shy and reserved but recognised the need to supply stability to those with whom she worked. Hydestile became a very happy community.

When the war ended she recalled to London, this time to be matron of St Thomas's and superintendent of the Nightingale Training School. She was also involved in drafting a training course combining general nursing and health visiting which would meet with university and General Nursing Council approval. She was also instrumental in the establishment of a home for retired nurses at Gerrards

She was appointed OBE at the end of 1955 and advanced to CBE in 1959. In the 1960s she gradually gave up her work in London and retired to Chichester.

Margaret Smyth was a delightful hostess, maintaining an interest in the many members of her former staff who came to visit her, and delighted in seeing their children or grand-children. She worshipped regularly in the hospital chapel and subsequently in the parish churches where she lived. She enjoyed her garden and cat and worked for Chichester Cathedral as a doorkeeper and genuine

#### At the end of the talk, by

GEN VERNON E. MEGEE

General Vernon E. Megee, one of the pioneers of close air support for ground forces, died on January 14 aged 91. He was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1900.

VERNON Megee was a US marine for 40 years, enlisting in 1919 and ending his career in 1959 as commanding general of the Fleet Marine Force in the Pacific. When he began, the Marine Air Corps hardly existed and he ing at navy aviation schools in San Diego and Pensacola and at an Army Air Corps school in Montgomery, Alabama.

In 1930 Magee was sent to Nicaragua to support the ruling regime against Sandinista rebels and suffered badly from enemy ground fire. It may have been his Nicaraguan experience which led him to help develop the technique of close ground support during the second world war, using radio signals from troops on the ground to direct air strikes against enemy

He became the first com-

mander of a marine landing force air support control unit and commanded the air support units at Okinawa and Iwo Jima. During the second engagement he became known in the corps for his orders to the marine pilots: "Go in and scrape your bellies on the beach."

Megee took part in the Korean war as commander of the First Marine Aircraft Wing and among other decorations won the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. He became the first aviator to serve as assistant commandant and chief of staff of the corps at its Washington headquarters, served on the staff of the War College and was di-rector of intelligence for the joint chiefs of staff.

His education had been interrupted by enlistment, but Megee completed his undergraduate degree 30 years later. After retirement he went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and served as the first superintendent of the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas.

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He leaves a daughter.

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This was another highly successful stage partnership, between the two leading members of the cast in a play that ran for a year, a long time for a historical drama of that calibre. It was necessary to dig deep into the notice to find reference to John Gielgud, but it was worth the waiting.

#### **NEW THEATRE** "RICHARD OF BORDEAUX"

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Duke of Lancaster	Ben Webster
Sir Simon Burley	George Howe
Duke of York	Kinsev Peile
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Mary Bohun	Margaret Webster
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In a performance of this play at the Arts Theatre some time ago its merits strongly appeared. Vigorous in movement; in its dialogue, modern flourishes; and, in its search of human nature, watchful and diligent, it held its own as a piece for the theatre and as an interpretation of history. But it had then a defect that damaged it: the change in Richard was represented as a disintegration, the disintegration was attributed almost exclusively to the Oueen's death, and the Queen herself was not made important enough to sustain so heavy a burden of dramatic motive.

By a shift of emphasis, this defect has been removed. The spiritual range of Miss Ffrangeon-Davies's distinguished portrait has been a little increased. At the same time the King's failure has been attributed less to the removal of her influence and more to other causes - to his weariness of the exercise of power, to a consequent rashness of judgment, and, above

of revenge, which have been the stimulus to his energy. Thus represented, the man is doubly interesting, and the story takes from him precisely

that balance and steadiness which it previously lacked. The counsequence is a historical and personal narrative which, though it is without the spark of genius that takes the breath away, is steadily persuasive and

In a long cast, Mr Mollison's, Miss Ffrangeon-Davies's, and Mr Eric Stanley's performances are to be particularly distinguished, and Mr Richard Ainley, after an opening that seemed a little too bright, gave an extremely mov-ing study of the King's young secretary. Mr Gielgud stands clear of them all. He has long had brilliant subtlety and sensitiveness: it is now clear that prestige does not flatter, but enables him, as it enables all genuine artists who search themselves, to discover new strength; he is acquiring the authority and presence that are all, to the exhaustion of those the marks of a great actor.

#### **Ronald Hoar**

## Church seeking to achieve unity with diversity

eparation and secession seem to I have become the order of the day. It began with the Eastern European countries, then the Soviet Socialist Republics took up the theme. In Yugoslavia it has flared into a bloody struggle. Now, even cieries suggest that Fundamentalists and Liberals in their churches should go their separate ways.

By contrast, we have recently had the Churches coming together in the newly-formed bodies for the separate countries within Great Britain. with the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland as an overall responsible body. We also have the coming of the single market in 1992 and it is in October each year that we celebrate the founding of the United Nations, with its great aim of holding nations of the world together in peaceful unity.

The United Nations Organization began in Central Hall, Westminster where the Methodist Church has some of its divisional offices and I dare to suggest that Methodism may have something to offer in the ongoing debate as to how independence and unity can go hand in hand. Next year the Church will celebrate the diamond jubilee of the union of its many different strands: which had separated from the original body during the years that followed the death of its founder. John Wesley. We shall also celebrate the

twentieth anniversary of the decision to admit women into the presbyteral ministry - the sort of decision that caused all kind of threats of secession among our fellow Christians.

Methodism itself has a very chequered secessionist history. The Rev John Wesley wanted nothing of separatism. He lived and died a member of the Church of England. His followers felt forced to organize themselves into a separate movement but it was not long before that movement experienced differences of opinion that splintered it. A fear that the new movement had quickly forgotten its roots: an urgency to take the Gospel message to those outside the Church rather than remain within the institution; an objection to strong central rule; a division of opinion about whether lay people should take authority or whether that should be left entirely to clergy, all brought separatist movements. At one time, there was a positive confusion of Methodist

Thank goodness a move towards some kind of unity began during the nineteenth century and some of the smaller splinter groups came together in the United Methodist Church at the beginning of the next. This left three main streams of Methodism: the United, the Primitive, and the Wesleyan Methodist Churches. These three united to form the present British Methodist Church in

But what a mixture! There were those who had a high sacramental view of ministry and those who regarded the minister as little more than a full-time layman. There was some tension as to how far people should be vested in a central authority and how far in the local church. Property, which had been erected at a phenomenal rate in a kind of competitive armosphere, now needed rationalising. Then there was the place of women in the Church and in the ministry and for far 100 long. following union, it was considered that they should not be ministers but could be deaconesses.

M any of those tensions still exist but the Church holds together. Now and again it is threatened with the idea that there should be separatist movements: two strongly debated issues at the moment concem those who have varying views about human sexuality and those who feel that the Church is not doing enough for race relations. Thus we cannot afford to be smug or content but most continue to work hard at maintaining our unity and

unity has so far been maintained

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all the diversity within it. The query comes as to how that

common origin, that we all relate back to John Wesley and his emphasis on the need for "a warmed heart". This was Wesley's way of expressing his experience and belief that religion should be a vital thing and not just a case of observances. The second is what might be called a "family ethos"; the sense of belonging to one family wherever one might go throughout the country or, indeed, throughout the world, among the 50 million Methodist community. This ethos is partly created by the way in which ministers are moved to new "stations", every five years or so, thus linking different areas of the country through friendships which are formed. But it is the sense of being among more than friends: rather, sisters and brothers. A third factor is that we have no tightly defined credal base. We sub-

reasons. The first is the sense of a

scribe to the great Christian creeds and then emphasize aspects like the need for Christian fellowship, the importance of a devotional life and the fact that the Christian faith should be applied in every day life and practice. The fourth contribution to our sense of unity must be our organization, though at times, this can easily get in the way. The endeavour is to link all our churches together in a "connexional" system so that the Church can speak as a whole and with authority from the centre. At the same time it is designed to give a certain freedom to those very same churches. It also links British Methodism to the Church throughout the world, maintaining an enriching two-way flow of information, exchanges and

he fifth aspect is, therefore, very 1 important. We try to maintain a process of consultation in all the major decisions we make so that the Conference, the Church's governing body, has the views and resolutions of the local churches whenever decisions on our faith, order and policy have to be made. Of course, some complain that we

spend so much time in consultation that there are inbuilt channels to escape decision-making. The case is different. When the Church comes to a mind, all should feel that their views have been heard; and what a variety of experience and history we have on tap! Wesley required of his followers that they should speak their piece both in his societies and in society at large. We were always a diverse people but it enriches our

The Rev Ronald Hoar is President of the Methodist Conference.

## Struggling airlines offer £89 flights to New York

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

from London to New York were being sold last night for E89 — E3 less than the cut-price offers of Sir Freddie Laker's Skytrain which col-

lapsed ten years ago. North America Travel Service, based in Leeds, said that the fares were not a sales gimmick and that they would be on open offer for eight weeks. The fare is only 52 more than the first class single train fare from Edinburgh to London. It is based on the purchase of a return ticket making the round trip

SCHEDULED air tickets £178 plus US airport tax on the journey home. Airlines compete fiercely

each winter to hang on to their share of a market which dries up after Christmas. Most of their offers are hedged with conditions and few low price seats are available. This year the fight is tougher than ever, with tour operators like North America Travel Service being offered bigger discounts and more seats than before.

The airlines have been forced to make the cuts because seven million fewer

passengers flew on European carriers last year than in the previous 12 months. At the aircraft storage park in the Mojave desert, 100 miles north of Los Angeles, California, 175 passeneger jets, a record number, are being

stored to await better times. The Association of European Airlines, which represents the 22 biggest scheduled airlines in Europe, said that the 6 per cent drop in passenger numbers in 1991 was "un-precedented in the post-war history of the industry". In the 1973 and 1980 reces-

23 of their colleagues were pulled dead from the snow on

Saturday, A road worker was

also killed when another ava-

lanche struck a road near

Gecitli village in Hakkari

A Red Crescent team

blankets, 100 tents and

clothes for 250 people. Amer-

ican Blackhawk and Night-

hawk helicopters flew in more

supplies from Diyarbakir,

where they had arrived from

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transport plane on Saturday.

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sions they lost less than 1 per cent of passengers.

The scrap value of many aircraft is now higher than on the secondhand market, where prices have fallen by at least 30 per cent in the past

Throughout the world, airlines lost more than £2 billion last year, and although there has been some improvement in recent weeks, the average number of people carried fell to little more than 60 per

Fuel prices are still 20 per cent higher than before the Iraq war, labour costs are up Il per cent, and insurance premium and navigation charges both up by around 20 per cent. Interest charges have soared, and airlines are reducing drastically the mun-ber of aircraft they have on

The last thing they want is further price cuts. Every £89 ticket to New York represents a loss to the airline, which probably sold it to the travel agency for £10 less. It is, however, better than flying with empty scats.

Fly free, L&T, page

#### Labour hits back

argued that the collapse of Soviet communism owed insistence on deploying cruise missiles in the face of the Soviet Union's SS20s.

"If Labour were in office in the Eighties would history have been different? This craven and cringing approach to travention to the politics of the time and the necessity of us all to stand up against the Soviet Union, which was totally disintegrating by the weight of its own incompe-tence," Mr Mellor said on

Mr Parten recalled that Mr Kinnock had called Mrs Thatcher a nuclearphiliac and had seen no difference in the threat posed by the Uni-ted States and the USSE His judgment had been proved wrong then, and might be wrong again.

Peter Hain, Labour MP for

Neath, last night demanded an enquiry into what he claimed was sinister tamper-ing with MPs' computers at the House of Commons.

Peter Riddell, Diary, page 12

#### Yeltsin returns to face a civil war



Old guard remembered: A woman carrying a picture of Lenin during a communist demonstration in Red Square in Moscow yesterday

down on Stepanaken, the

capital of Nagorno-Karabakh, from the nearby town of Shusha, which is controlled by Azerbaijanis, and an Armenian village near Shusha also came under heavy fire from Azerbaijani armoured cars.

Hussein Sadikhov, the Azerbaijani foreign minister, said in Turkey yesterday that he would be prepared to meet his Armenian counterpart to discuss the worsening conflict, in which dozens of people are said to have died during the weekend.

The head of the enclave's foreign affairs committee. who returned to Moscow from the region last night. said that he would urge senior Russian officials to do everything they could to force the Azerbaijanis to drop their determination to expel the 180,000 ethnic Armenians.

Mr Yeltsin will have to move carefully over the engrave questions about the viability of the commonwealth of which Russia is the centrepiece. The Armenian cause enjoys widespread support in Moscow, but the Russian leader will also be aware that any change in the enclave's status could set a precedent for the 16 "mini-republics" within Russia, which want greater autonomy. Mr Yelisin must also bear

in mind that President Mutalibov of Azerbaijan is facing protests in Baku, the capital. from groups that want him to take an even tougher line against Armenia. Mr Mutalibov's replacement by Turk-ish nationalists or Muslim extremists would be unwelcome in Moscow.

Mr Yeltsin must resolve the biner dispute between Russia and Ukraine over control of the Black Sea fleet. This conflict forced him to go to the Black Sea port of Novo-rossiysk last week just as the Middle East peace talks were taking place in Moscow.

The Russian leader will also have to tread a fine line over the economy. About 200 Russian nationalists demonstrated near the Kremlin yesterday to denounce Mr Yeltsin's economic reforms and in another protest a few hundred communists called for a return to marxist values.

About 2.000 activists of the Democratic Russia Movement and other liberal groups also gathered at the weekend and pledged to overcome face of a mounting conservative threat. Groups from monarchists to stalinists are hoping to make the most of the economic hardship caused by the Yeltsin reforms.

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## 300 feared dead in snow as avalanches bury villages

FROM KEMAL DURU OF REUTER IN GORMEC, SOUTHEASTERN TURKEY

THE avalanche struck like an explosion. "Nobody could escape," Ali Ergen, the headman of Gormec village, said yesterday as rescue workers. listening for faint cries from survivors, probed snow burying the homes of 40 Kurdish

Working in arctic cold. searchers found 26 bodies yesterday meaning that at least 142 people died in weekend snowslides in Turkey's three eastern provinces. About 150 were still missing. Seventy-one paramilitary gendarmes were found dead in Gormec, perched on the wintry slopes of Mount Gabar, nine miles southwest of Sirnak, on Saturday.

"It was three o'clock in the morning when we heard a roar from the upper end of the village," Mr Ergen said. "One house collapsed and 60 or 70 people immediately fled the village in fear. At about seven o'clock, people were sweeping snow off their roofs when we heard another explosion. Nobody could escape. Snow covered the whole Mr Ergen and his immedi-

are family were buried up to their necks, but due their way out. Many of their relatives are missing.

Gormec village, where 258 poverty-stricken people lived by grazing sheep and goats, vanished under Saturday morning's big slide. Yesterday nothing of it could be seen above the snow. Tractors dragged carts loaded with the dead in wooden coffins to a landing area for helicopters to take to Sirnak and villages near by.

The snow also swallowed the paramilitary police post manned by 127 gendarmes on the outskirts of the village. Rescuers found 56 of the gendarmes alive, including several who escaped because they had been on patrol searching for Kurdish guerrillas in

mountains near by. Officials said that they feared snow could block the road into Gormec, which teams had cleared by goug-ing through drifts ten feet

Gendarmes, relief workers, villagers and American military teams all joined the hunt for survivors. American mill-



according to a statement from the joint American-Turkish base at Inciriik in southern Turkey.

tary helicopters ferried at least 17 survivors to the re-

gional capital of Diyarbakir, An American spokesman said that 13 American air-

craft and 54 military personnel were helping. They come from an allied force deployed in Turkey to protect the Kurds of northern Irag from attack by President Saddam

in neighbouring Silrt prov-ince, the bodies of five gendarmes were found at a post

Suleyman Demirel, the prime minister, cut short talks with world leaders in Switzerland, his first trip abroad in 12 years, because of the disaster. He was due to hold an emergency cabinet meeting as soon, as he returned to Ankara yesterday. Erdal Inonu, the deputy prime minister, and Genera Dogan Gures, chief of staff of the armed forces, flew to Gormec by helicopter to

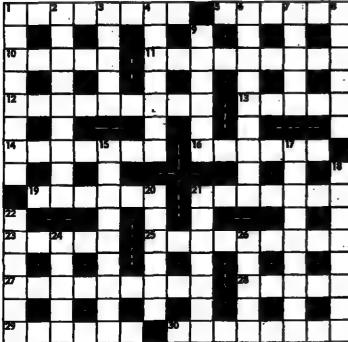
> Eleven civilians were reported killed on Saturday in the viliages of Altikemer, about 16 miles east of Sirnak, Dolusalkim, near the town of Pervari in Siirt, and Halenze, near the town of Sirvan. Two gendarmes died on

watch rescue work.

Saturday at their post near Uludere, close to the Iraqi killied at Ortakiar, southwest of Semdiali in the far east of Turkey. One was rescued there and 15 others were found alive at Yuksekova in the same region.

More snow is forecast

#### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,831



1 A swimmer confined to bed opened up (8).

5 Many a Northerner exhibits charm (6). 10 Critical about egghead member of the family (5).

11 Love to ordain a change (9).

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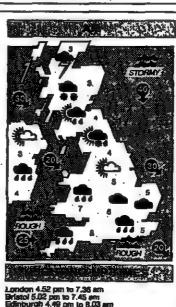
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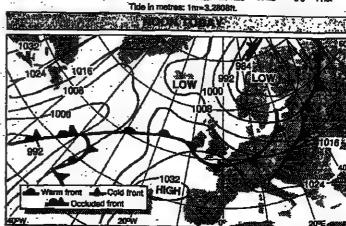
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## THE TIMES BUSINESS

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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

MAN OF THE WEEK

#### Knight finds his place in history

ir Roland Smith will go down in history as the man who told Tiny Rowland to "get your tanks off my lawn" in the battle for House of Fraser. That apart, the large, lugu-brious Mancunian with a ready sense of humour is best known for his role of chairman to many small-and medium-sized companies, such as Hepworth Ceramic and Senior Engineering. One of his flock, P and P, the beleaguered computer distribution company whose shares have collapsed from 147p to 40p in the past year, is due to report full-year figures

on Thursday. However bad they are and the market expects profits to have van-ished compared with £13 million last year — it will be a pin prick to Sir Roland's ego after his ousting from British Aerospace in September.

T is detractors say he was out of his those close to him believe he was simply unused to the internecine warfare of a large company linked to the government. One sage says:
"He made the mistake of not appointing his own non-executive directors."

The son of a Manches ter police sergeant, Sir Roland, aged 62, had never pretended to be anything else, living hap-pily in a modest de-



Sir Roland: thrifty

outskirts of his home substantial salaries over the years, he has a natural northern thrift, using public transport where colleagues prefer private helicopters.

≺or 22 vears he was a professor of marketing at Manchester University, and he still prefers his academic title to his recent knighthood. He began his City career advising Unilever and RTZ while many of his students, such as Dr John White of BBA, have gone on to run says a lot about him that last year, a group of them threw a party in his

His greatest love, apart from his wife. Joan. to whom he is devoted, is Manchester United Football Club where he is chairman. Seeing bim in the directors' box at half time chatting to local businessmen, it is evident where his true affections lie.

JUDI BEVAN

## Brittan to seek wider trade powers for Gatt

PROM TOM WALEER IN RELESSIOS

SIR Leon Brittan will today make a plea for global harmonisation of industrial competition rules under the aegis of a strengthened General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade world trade body.

The European competition commissioner, angered by the recent bilateral trade deal between America and Japan; and wary of governments' increasing resort to anti-dumping measures to prevent trade imbalances, believes the time is ripe to refashion Gatt into what it was originally meant to be - a true, all-embracing

world trade body. Addressing like-minded free traders at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Sir Leon is expected to call for the next Gatt round to include restrictive business practices and cartels on its

LABOUR unrest in Germany

is unlikely to lead to a further

tightening of monetary policy

because excessive growth of

the money supply, not the state of the labour market,

was the main reason for the

A slowdown in monetary

growth, rather than any par-

icular outcome of the pay

bargaining, would be the key

signal for any future easing of

German interest rates, ac-

cording to Hans Tietmeyer,

deputy president of the

He said that the controver-

sial decision to raise interest

rates by half a percentage

point before Christmas was

taken mainly because the

Bundesbank council had seen

preliminary money supply figures for December that

showed unacceptably rapid monetary growth. When the

figures were published after

Christmas they revealed the key measure of broad money

growing (ar above the official

.5 per cent ceiling. While the council also con-

sidered other factors in its

decision, the money target was "our main indicator"

and the overshooting money

supply left the central bank

In several statements at the

World Economic Forum at

Davos, Herr Tietmeyer de-

with no choice.

agenda. Sir Leon will outline a new Gatt code that would be incorporated into the national legislatures of all 100odd members of the Geneva-based body. The code would make cartels and mergers in breach of its rules unenforeceable in national

The commissioner's numerous tirades against President Bush's accomplishments in Japan, such as the bilateral car-industry deal, have coincided with growing signs of protectionism on both sides of the Atlantic.

While there is a groundswell of public opinion towards a "buy American" philosophy in the EC, Sir Leon looks to be fighting a losing battle against an industrial policy that could be boosted by an enlarged Community budget and used to promote Euro-champions across the

nied that the bank was direct-

ly trying to influence wage negotiations or that its tight-

ening had been motivated by

displeasure about the out-

come of the Masstricht.

Herr Tietmeyer gave no hint of when he thought the

money supply might return to

its target range, but he sug-

did not see the need for fur-

political union".

sted that the Bundesbank

Money growth is

German rates key

FROM ANATOLE KALETSKY IN DAVOS

manufacturing spectrum. Just as sinister to Sir Leon has been the quiet growth in the dubious use of anti-dumping codes by governments around the world. Ideally, anti-dumping rules should stop products being dumped on foreign markets at knockdown prices, but they are easily misused.

The past decade has seen a burgeoning list of export products subjected to heavy tariffs - by the EC and America in particular - to stop them undercutting domestic producers, despite little evidence that they are being dumped in any way.

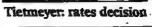
While Japanese and other eastern consumer electronics products have been hammered by European tariffs, other governments have taken slings to an increasing array of international targets, from Venezuelan cement to Norwegian salmon.

At the end of last year, there were 209 anti-dumping measures active in America, 143 in the EC and 71 in Canada. Sir Leon will argue today that international competition rules could reduce reliance on strong medicines, such as anti-dumping. An aide to Sir Leon said: "He's talking about turning what essentially is a defensive system into a preventative one."

When Gatt was founded in 1947, any competiton policy it had quickly became lost as the cold war rook root. Since then, Gair's main approach has been to free trade by chipping away at import quotas and tariffs, and the body

ioved limited success Sir Leon will suggest that Gatt should return to its

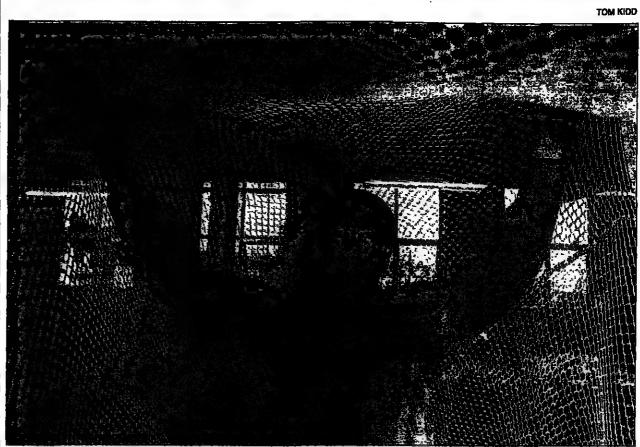
sion president, proposes to the European Parliament that the £46 billion EC budget should be doubled, in part to help accommodate a new industrial policy that would give EC firms huge new research and development funds. The British government fears such a policy could easily be skewed into covert protectionism and a twisting of EC competition rules.



#### ther tightening. Long-term founding principles, and interest rates had fallen after tackle companies as well as the rise in official interest governments, perhaps rates, and short-term market through an impertial panel rates were now below their level prior to the hike. that could take sanctions Commenting on the out-come at Maastricht, Herr against countries whose companies broke the rules. The speech may invite criti-cism of Sir Leon from a broad Tietmeyer said the Bundesbank still believed that a monquarter - a fledgling world etary union could "only be a competition policy can easily success on the basis of a be seen as the talk of an official getting too big for his timely, coming a week before Jacques Delors, the commis-



## Knox casts net over Greek market



ing director of W&J Knox, a netmaker of Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, is putting skills' leaned in Scottish tish farming to work in the Mediterra-nean (Ross Tieman writes).

Aided by EC grants and sup-port from their government, Greek fishermen are turning their hand to rearing bream and bass in captivity. Knox, which makes cages for salmon farming in Scottish lochs,

is engaged in a joint venture to provide packages of cages, nets, moorings, breakwaters and feedstuffs. This year, about 2,000 tonnes of caged fish is expected to be pro-duced in Greek waters. Ceph-

alonia Fisheries, which accounts for a fifth of total production, plans to double output by 1996 and other-

#### **BTG** sale pressure mounts on

BY ROSE THUMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Lilley, the trade sec-retary, is coming under growing pressure to scrap the news blackout established by Price Waterhouse, the government adviser, on the privatisation of the British Technology

Group.
Although Price Waterhouse has largely succeeded in its news clampdown on the trust ports sale, imposed in the wake of the Tees & Hartlepool debacle, bidders for BTG have proved less easily intimidated. They are in-creasingly determined to give an airing to the ethical and commercial issues underlying the sale of the world's largest

technology transfer group. Research Corporation Technologies, the American group leading one of the three bidding groups, is expected today to give details of its consortium. RCT has appealed to Price Waterhouse to waive confidentiality clauses after being savaged by BTG managers who are also bidding.

Gordon Brown, Labour's industry spokesman, has called on Mr Lilley "to ensure transparency in the bidding process, so that parliament is informed which companies are remaining at each stage of the bidding process".

Ian Harvey, the chief exec-unive of BTG, said: "I believe the bidding process should be open." Dr John Ashworth, director of the London School of Economics and chairman of the RCT consortium, said: "I don't see why there is not transparency in the bidding

process at the moment." Price Waterhouse has argued that the uncertainty of a secret bidding process is likely to maximise returns for the taxpayer. BTG believes the sale might turn into a farce if it is forced to open its expansion plans and portfolio of patents to the eyes of its largest competitor.

#### Lloyds 'unprofessional' over Forwell statement Lilley LLOYDS Bank has admitted

being guilty of "unprofessional behaviour" after it told staff at a construction company that their employer was bankrupt while it was still trying to draw up a rescue plan.

Receivers are expected to-day at Forwell Group, an office design and fitting company in Middlesex, after its shares were suspended on Friday. The company was forced to ask Lloyds to appoint receivers on Friday night after it failed to meet the bank's demand to repay

all its £1.4 million debts. Michael Wheller, Forwell's chairman, accuses Lloyds of destroying the company by refusing to support a refinancing package that would have repaid all the loans. Forwell's directors and the South Yorkshire Pensions

Authority, the company's 16

per cent shareholder, are considering legal action against the bank

Last week, Lloyds wrote to two of Forwell's employees claiming the company was bankrupt, even though it was still trying to arrange a res-cue. A Lloyds spokeswoman said: "It was unprofessional behaviour and we have apologised to the customers and the company."

The receivership is likely to mean that Lloyds will be repaid in full but other creditors will receive little or nothing.

Forwell lost £1.1 million in 1990, but is believed to have broken even last year. The company needed refinancing but had reduced its debts from £3.7 million in the past year and had £2.2 million of work in hand. Mr Wheller said: "Lloyds could have pro-vided us with working capital and it would have been completely underwritten."

Forwell had arranged the sale of two properties to raise £1.7 million while South Yorkshire was prepared to offer a £300,000 bank guarantee. This would have repaid all the company's debt and provided working capital but Lloyds refused the plan. Mr Wheller blames a per-

sonality clash between him and his bank manager for the dispute. He wrote to Sir Jeremy Morse, Lloyds chairman, last week but he refused

to intervene. Forwell gave Lloyds permission to discuss its finences with The Times but the bank said only: "The appointment of a receiver is always regrettable and comes only after extensive discussions between the bank and the customer exhausted every option."

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#### Mergers could lead to 'super union' BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

HEADS of the Amalgamated Engineering Union (AEU) and the EETPU electricians' union plan a "super union" with further mergers if their plans to combine are passed

by members next month. Gavin Laird, general secretary of the AEU, and Eric Hammond, his opposite number at the EETPU, said they would write to other unions in manufacturing as soon as an approval vote was be seen as a challenge to the

secured. They predicted a postal ballot result of "at least

four to one" in favour. The : im is to create a union with more than I million multi-nationals.

vitating rights for a new whitecollar section. The move will

MSF technical union, which dominates white-collar representation in manufacturing. ☐ The Trades Union Congress wants an expansionary budget designed to create tra places on training schemes. In its pre-budget submission to the Chancellor, the TUC also presses for a £2

members "to counter the The general secretaries said they would be approaching the Engineering Employers Federation for national nego-

500,000 jobs and provide exbillion investment plan for housing, schools, hospitals and transport infrastructure.

#### **CHANGE ON WEEK**

#### THE POUND

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#### FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

SHAREHOLDERS of American corporations are set to get a bigger say in how much the boss takes home in pay. US politicians are considering a bill that would change accounting laws, give shareholders the right to vote on com-

pensation and force companies to lay

out the components of executive pay

packets much more clearly. Boardroom pay has become highly controversial as the big pay packets that were awarded in the good times have not been trimmed in the recession to reflect reduced corporate performance. Graef Crystal, aged 53, a former pay consultant who once charged \$500 a hour to navigate directors to top pay scales, is now sharply critical of American captains of industry from his desk as lecturer on compensation at the University of California business school in Berkeley. His course is known locally

as Greed 259A.

overpaid and shareholders have no idea how total compensation packages which include basic salary and bonuses. share options, restricted share options and other forms of reward - are put

American bosses called to account

Based on performance of the corporations they led in 1990, Mr Crystal says the total compensation of the worst eight should have been cut by between 46 per cent and 97 per cent. The \$99.6 million paid jointly to Steven Ross and Nicholas J Nicholas as co-chief executives of Time Warner, the entertainment giant, should been cut to a combined \$2.5 million; \$11.5 million paid to Rand Araskog, head of the congiomerate III, ought to have been \$2.7

The pay of Martin Davis. Paramount film maker, should have dropped from \$4.6 million to \$1.5 million, that of IBM's John Akers from \$7.4 million to \$2.6 million. James Robinson, the chief of American Express, should have taken \$2.5 million out of the charge card Mr Crystal says many executives are group rather than \$4.9 million, and Lee

Jacocca of Chrysler would have been \$2.1 million poorer with a pay packet of It is the pay of the big car bosses that

has helped catapult the issue into the political arena. The salaries of the 21 corporate leaders - including Mr Robinson and Mr Iacocca, who accompanied President Bush on his recent trip to Japan - became the Achilles' heel of the trade mission. The Japanese were able to lampoon

the Americans on pay. The 21 leaders were paid an average \$3.4 million, six times that of their Japanese equivalents and 188 times the pay of most American workers. Comparable Japanese executives are paid between 10 and 20 times the shop-floor average. Carl Levin, the Democrat senator who

heads the Senate management committee, wants reform in a key part of executive pay — the share option, now the largest single part of the package. Often these are free gifts of shares that can be bought at prices far below the stock market value and cashed in at any time.

#### **BZW** puts laggards in the spotlight

team at Barclays de Zoete Wedd has focused on the likely laggards of 1992. choosing those most likely to underperform this year.

There is no suggestion that any of these companies is unlikely to survive the year. Indeed, some constituents of BZW's class of '91 - includ-. ing Etam, HP Bulmer, FR Group and Next - confounded the experts and substantially outperformed their sectors. But BZW's latest list bands together companies whose prospects are not good.

In the textiles sector the analysts single out Alexandra Workwear, which suffers from poor demand, high gearing and negative cash flow, Jerome, which needs to sell its electrical business to meet working capital require-ments; and Hollas Group.

Likely underperformers in media and agencies, says BZW, are HTV, Yorkshire TV and Anglia, who face hefty franchise payments, and WPP, Saatchi & Saatchi and Shandwick, each handicapped by weak balance sheets. Laggards in print and packaging will include HunterPrint, still getting to grips with financial pres-sures, and Watmough, whose share performance may have run ahead of events. There will also be pressure on Fer-guson Industries, Delyn and

Transport's weak link is Duffryn, whose high yield could be threatened by poor medium-term prospects. BZW expects the leisure sector as a whole to outperform after two years of struggle but highlights the difficulties faced by Buckingham International, because of high debts, poor trading overseas and delays with disposals.

JS Pathology is tipped to underperform the booming health and household sector because of links with the Middle East where resources have been diverted to rebuilding, Brammer and Bridon could be excluded from a recovery in the engineering

Plantons and Trimoco are two to avoid in motors because of poor recovery pros-Harvey & Thompson have little to commend them in the financial sector while Eurotherm, which outperformed other electronics companies by 45 per cent last year, may pause for consolidation.

## BCCI global fund publication delay worries creditors

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

Court the scheme would be

DEPOSITORS of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International are becoming increasingly nervous about the continuing delays over publication of details of a \$3 billion worldwide

compensation scheme. Touche Ross, the bank's liquidators, said in the High

revealed by the end of January, but sources now suggest nothing will be released for at least another two weeks. Solicitors for Touche and the Abu Dhabi government,

BCCI's 77 per cent shareholder, are said to be still finalising the documents al-

wants the commission to take

into account business costs

and to introduce minimum

and maximum claims limits.

attempt by the commission to

establish a single market for

services, and hence to ensure

a similar legal framework for

the services industry through-

out Europe. Different legal

practices could in some cases

result in service providers em-

igrating to regions with the

least onerous regulatory and

suppliers have in effect to

prove themselves innocent is

a heavy burden, not compati-

ble with the British law of

negligence, and in some cases

The CBI believes liability

for services should not be

treated in the same way as

that for physical products,

because "products are distrib-

uted widely from the point of

production to parties with no

contact with the supplier,

whereas services are the sub-

ject of a contractual relation-

ship between the supplier and

the end-user".

it may be impossible."

Miss Vincent said: "That

eal framework

The directive underlines an

## CBI rejects draft for pan-European consumer rules

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

THE Confederation of British Industry (CBI) has attacked a European Commission consumer-protection draft as "a lawyers and litigants' paradise", leading to rising insurance costs and a less competitive economy.

. The EC consumer law services directive, aimed at cutting abuse by service providers, forms part of a plan for a pan-European consumer-protection framework. The directive, if implemented in its current form, would affect all service providers, except for medical services and the construction sector. Similar rules would apply to products and services, in that the burden of proof would be shifted from the consumer to the service provider in a legal suit for negligence.

Judith Vincent, head of the CBI law group, said: "If an employee walks into the office and slips over, the cleaners could be required to prove it was not due to any negligence on their part. Similarly, if there is a car accident when the car has just been to the garage, the garage would have to prove that it carried out its repairs correctly." She

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

merchant banking arm, has

been appointed as a financial

adviser to the Greek govern-

ment for a metropolitan rail-

way project in northern

The merchant bank fought

off substantial international

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Hill Samuel advises Greece

Greeks on the upcoming met-

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city and a big commercial

centre. The project will in-

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commercial centre of Saloni-

ka, estimated to cost 60 bil-

lion drachmas (£177 million).

Greek environment, town

planning and public works

Achilleas Karamanlis, the

though the principal ele-ments were fixed months ago. While the agreement is still confidential, it is clear the terms are not as generous as

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi, is believed to have offered to inject up to \$2.2 billion into a global fund to compensate BCCFs 800,000 depositors. He is also ready to write off about \$2 billion of claims he has against the bank. However, the offers are not unconditional, as first be-lieved. As part of the deal, Touche has offered to write off \$4.4 billion in promissory notes, payable over the next seven years, which the Abu Dhabi government gave to BCCI as part of its restructur-

ing early last year.

BCCI was closed last July
by the Bank of England after It discovered widespread fraud. Since then, Touche has uncovered that the fraud, including concealed Treasury losses, unrecorded deposits and bad debts, has slashed the bank's assets more than 90 per cent to only \$1.1 billion. The cash injection and the realisation of BCCI's remaining assets would allow the liquidators to repay credi-tors 33 per cent of their losses. Brian Smouha, the partner from Touche who has led the

negotiations, is effectively trying to swap long-term assets for an immediate cash injection. The global fund would allow Touche to pay a 10 per cent dividend to depositors later this year, while depositors could wait until next century for any payout in a standard liquidation.

The failure of the global agreement could also lead to protracted and expensive litigation as depositors tried to win priority over the bank's ravaged funds. They could still turn down the offer, in the hope that they may recoup more in a longer-term

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be hoping to play a signifi-cant role in their

implementation.

The Salonika scheme is one



Talks continue: a deal is still being finalised between the sheikh and Touche

#### New capital raising **falls 70%**

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE huge overhang of uninvested venture capital funds resulted in new capital raising by independent venture capital firms falling 70 per cent from £850 million to £250 million last year.

The venture capital industry, which provides equity funding for unomoted com-

funding for unquoted com-panies, had funds available for unvestment of U.S billion at the start of 1991. This is three years' investment at the £532 million average annual rate of investment over the past four years. Investment opportunities in the unquoted sector have become much scarcer as centrated on survival rather

Adrian Beecroft, chairman ital Association, said: "Given the liquidity of independent venture capital funds, it is hardly surprising that very few firms attempted to raise

capital in 1991."

The independent venture capital industry, which excludes 3i and captive venture capital funds, trawled the City for huge amounts of capital during the Eighties.

## Think-tank backs minimum wage

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

THE introduction of a minimum wage in Britain would cause no overall loss of jobs and, in the long term, could have a positive impact on employment, according to the latest study by the Insti-tute for Public Policy Research, the left-of-centre

think-tank. Frank Wilkinson, senior research officer in applied economics at Cambridge University and author of the report, challenges critics of the minimum wage concept, including government ministers, who argue that it would add to wage bills and reduce employment. The Labour party has proposed minimum pay of £3.40 an hour as part of statutory measure to protect wages.

Mr Wilkinson says, the minimum Labour has called for would not only benefit an estimated 4.5 million employbut would also float 300,000 people off the means-tested benefits and penal marginal tax rates, provide greater incentives for those on benefit to enter work, and encourage firms to rely more on product and process development. He also sees it saving the Exchequer

£300 million, as well as the estimated 12 billion of extra revenue from higher income tax receipts and national insurance contributions.

The study notes that Britain is the only European Community country without a minimum wage and that the most successful European economies have long had a minimum wage and employment regulation. The report argues that low pay does not make British firms more competitive, but discourages training, innovation and higher quality.
Mr Wilkinson says that in-

stead of low pay curing unem-ployment in Britain since the late Seventies, the evidence points to high unemployment being required to force people to accept low-paid jobs. He sees the main effect of a legal minimum wage being spread thinly over a wide range of consumer products and services, making it unlikely that there would be any significant change in relative prices. Minimum Wage, By Frank Wilkinson, IPPR, 30-32 Southampton Street, WC2.

Price: £5.

#### O'Reilly looks at Mirror

Tony O'Reilly, head of the Heinz food combine and owner of Independent Newspapers in Ireland, has expressed interest in buying Mirror Group Newspapers. He has talked to his merchant bank, Charterhouse. about an approach for the

Daily Mirror publisher.
The administrators have taken the 51 per cent stake held by private Maxwell companies off the market until uncertainties over the financial position are resolved.

Mark Sebba, of Charterhouse, said yesterday Dr O'Reilly had not put together a formal bid. He is insisting on a thorough examination of the group's financial position. particularly the pension fund's £350 million loss.

#### Reshape plan

McInemey Properties, the Irish property company, has admitted it finished 1991 with negative shareholders' funds. Financial restructuring proposals should be put to shareholders before the end

#### Back to black

Increased rentals helped Palmerston Holdings, the property group, to return to the black with a pre-tax inter-im profit of £476.137 (£2.740 loss) to end-September. An interim dividend of 0.5p (1.65p) is recommended.

#### **Embassy falls**

Embassy Property Group, the USM company, has writproperties by £6.6 million. It reports an annual pre-tax loss of £9.5 million (£1.3 million profit) to end-March. There is no dividend (5p).

#### EMH loss

European Motor Holdings. the motor retail group for-merly known as Cargo Control, lost £735,000 in the six months to end-September (£2.72 million lost in the previous 15 months).

#### Jobs saved

More than half the jobs at Company of Designers, the USM building design consultancy that called in the receivers in January, have been saved after successful "goingconcern" sales by the receiver.

#### IMI contract

IMI, the engineering products group, has won a contract worth more than \$10 million to provide computer software to the US Army Re serves and National Guard.

#### Office chief

Robert Noonan, the former chief executive of Marier Estates, is to become chairman and chief executive of Office and Electronic Machines. after buying 14 per cent.

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Greece.

## Yield trends predict good catch for the early bird

fter registering good returns last year, the gilt market looks set for an even better time in 1992. Long yields are heading down to 8 per cent. Are there risks? Of course -

that is why the market is not there already. It takes a long time to persuade markets that a radical change in the fundamentals has taken place. Nor is this surprising, for it is only with the benefit of hindsight that the fundamental trends are crystal clear. At the time, each minor reversal can seem like a shift of trend. In early 1982, for example,

the proximate factor holding back the market (before the Falklands wan, was the rapid growth of money supply. Having been led to believe excessive monetary growth was the source of all evil, it was difficult to wean the market off its regular monetary feed. But as inflation continued to fall despite rapid monetary growth, this happened.

The comparable bogeyman now is the PSBR. The government has lambasted us for so long with the need for restraint on public borrowing. and the market has grown so used to a falling stock of gilts, that it seems hard to swallow

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the idea of a PSBR above £20 billion — accompanied by a bull market. But as large volumes of stock come to be absorbed fairly easily, perceptions will have to change. The Budget will provide a test, for, can (and should) cut taxes by £4 billion, taking the PSBR, on our estimates, to £22 billion (although he may be able

to forecast a lower number). A more immediate inhibiting factor is the impending general election. In 1983 and 1987 the market seemed to have decided the Conservatives would win long before the event. Indeed, both times the market fell after the result. This time the markets must have been in a quandary; only now are they beginning to sense an outright Conserva-tive victory. Thus the market may be driven higher by the political factor alone, perhaps continuing after the election. A clear Tory victory would probably boost sterling (and equities) as well as gilts, as international investors made portfolio decisions in favour of sterling assets, thereby enhancing base rate prospects,

while also helping to keep down inflation. There has been some legitimate economic concern in the market. After all, inflation is now back to 4 h per cent and the rate of increase in average earnings has been stuck at 712 per cent. Yet the underlying picture is much more positive and inflation should fall to about 34 per

cent by year-end.

Clearly, the market has also been worried by developments in Germany, which are now reaching crisis point. Slowing demand, weak commodity and oil prices, and low manufactured import prices all point to lower inflation. Some time soon the market will take a clear view on whether, as in the British case in 1990, inflation, wage in-creases and labour market stress all peak late in the economic cycle, before easing sharply, or whether they are set to remain obstinately high for a good while. Our money is on the former.

he upshot is that several factors that have held back the market are soon due for resolution. The Budget cuts taxes by £4 billion, taking the PSBR to £22 billion for the coming year, but the gilt market does not blanche, while the voters and foreign exchange markets like it. Base rates come down by half a percentage point. The Conservatives win the election, inflation continues to fall and wage settlements tumble. The end of the German crisis hoves into view. The result is that not only does the gilt market en-joy a marked bull run, but it is concentrated in the first half of the year. Those who wait until all the uncertainties are resolved will miss the boat. It is, after all, the early bird that

catches the worm.

ROGER BOOTLE Greenwell Montagu

#### FEPORTING THIS WEEK

## Securiguard profits likely to climb 20%

THE Securiguard Group, chaired by Alan Baldwin, is expected to unveil a healthy 20 per cent advance in annual results. Pre-tax profits are forecast to rise to £4.7 million (£3.9 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Earnings per share of 15.4p (14p) and a maintained dividend of 8p are expected.

Good progress is anticipated at Securiguard's main security and cleaning businesses. However, a disappointing performance is likely in the personnel and communications operations.

John Menzies, the Edinburgh newsagents chain, is expected to announce first-half pre-tax profits of £5.5 million, according to County NatWest WoodMac This compares with profits of £200,000, although last time's figures were affected by a £4 million exceptional pro-vision at the Hammicks book wholesaling business.

County's forecast is at the top end of market expectations that range from £2.2 million to £5.5 million. A dividend of 3.8p (3.4p) is

Interims: Black (Peter) Holdings, CRT Group, Menzies (John), Seacon Holdings, West Trust. Finale: Craton Lodge & Knight, Drayton Far Eastern Trust, Fleming Claverhouse Investment Trust. Ramsden's (Harry). Securiguard Group, Updown Investment Co.

Economic statistics: None

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Interims: British Thornton Holdings, East German Investment Trust, Hambro Currency Fund. Finals: None announced. Economic statistics: Overseas travel and tourism (November) advance energy statistics (December); housing starts and completions (December); details of employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators.

THURSDAY

P&P, the computer distribution group, has suffered as the price war among the personal computer manufac-turers continued. Personal computer prices are thought to have declined by about 30. per cent as manufacturers scrambled to maintain their market share.

P&P's shares halved last

October after the company issued a warning that it was unlikely to make any profit in the traditionally stronger second half. UBS Phillips & Drew has pencilled in final

dend of 4.25p is forecast. Interims: Jersey Phoenix Trust, Trans-Natal Coal Corporation. Finals: P&P. Economic statistics: Cyclical indicators for the UK economy (January – first estimats).

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#### CAPITAL MARKETS

#### **Corporate bonds** shine through American gloom

TIMES have rarely been tougher for American industry. Last year American cordeep recession and massive restructuring, not to mention the confidence-sapping effects of war. It comes as some surprise, then, to learn that American corporate bonds offered the best returns of any fixed-interest asset class in the American market in 1991, The return on the corporate bond index was 17.4 per cent, compared with 15.38 per cent for the Treasury index and 14.01 per cent for the

mortgage index. A team from Kidder Peabody is currently in London to convince a sceptical City investment audience that US corporate bonds are going to repeat or even improve on this performance in the current year. At the core of the argument is the claim that corporate bonds have historically outperformed Treasur-ies during post-recession periods as investors' fear of credit risk diminishes. So far in this recession, this seems to have been the case as spreads have declined since the start of 1991. The trend during the current recession has been more marked than usual because event risk, that great bogey of corporate bond investors, was all but eliminated by the collapse of

the junk bond market. Improved liquidity also bodes well for the corporate bond market. This has partly come about through a significant increase in new issues, which reached a record \$450 billion last year and is fore-cast by Kidder to pass the \$500 billion barrier this year. been a massive \$28 billion of new issues. This huge supply of new bonds has combined with sechnical factors and a shift in the shape of the yield curve to increase the depth and liqudity of the market to record levels.

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However, investors need to be careful. More than perhaps any other mainstream fixed-income category, the corporate bond market remains fraught with hidden risks. One of the most potentially damaging is a change to the American accounting standard on treatment of pensioners' medical costs. From January 1 these have had to be capitalised on company balance sheets and either written off as a lump sum, or amortised over 20 years. For many companies the exposure is small, but for others the implications for balance sheet ratios or for earnings are alarming. Another factor of increasing importance is exposure to product or environmental liability claims, which are not always disclosed as fully as they should be. Finally, Kidder advises in-

vestors to be aware of slavish devotion to the highest rated credits on the simple grounds that historically it is the AAand A-rated corporations that have suffered the most downgradings.

With this proviso, Kidder is adamant that US corporate bonds "should outperform" in the current year. It will be 🎉 fascinating to see how British institutions, which are reluctant investors in British corporate bonds, let alone those

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## Election blight reaches the City

rom the state of the stock market, investors might judge that the traditional blight of election uncertainty was just one of those myths brokers trot out to explain otherwise mystifying share price movements. After falling right through the autumn, when opinion polls were against the government and a November election was a real option, the FT-SE 100 share index has dimbed 9 per cent since mid-December, recovering most of the losses since its August peak. Only hindsight will be able to judge if that includes an uncertainty discount or whether the delayed recovery on both sides of the Atlantic would in any case have led to an autumn correction.

Since the autumn, two things have changed. The government's opinion poll ratings greatly improved as its propaganda mokers and commentators who looked as the implications of commentators who looked at the implications of a Labour victory, or even a hung parliament, generally concluded that the macroeconomic impact might be less than catastrophic. That must be reassuring to the many money-movers whose working lives have not yet encompassed a change of government. Rightly or wrongly, the prospect of sharply higher government borrowing, which is also likely to feature in Norman Lamont's Budget plans, barely seems to warrant a raised eyebrow, though it would have roused horror in bankers' parlours less than three years ago.

At the micro level, only privatised utility stocks have really suffered political damage. Even there, the depradations of regulators may be more significant for some than the impact of a change of government, which might reduce the risk of radical re-

gulatory change at British Gas or National Power.
As the election approaches, however, uncertainty is affecting business activity. Leading housebuilders have been hoping for an election since last summer, convinced that confidence will not return to the market until it is out of the way. That may have some real basis, for instance in the tax calculations of more affluent home-buyers wondering what they will be able to afford and made cautious by the tide of repossessions and forced sales. Psychology is probably more important. At least potential homebuyers have the counter-attraction of the temporary waiving of stamp duty. Companies contemplating capital investment have an additional incentive to hold back in Labour's plans for more generous capital allowances, not knowing what the *quid pro quo* might be in the basic corporation tax rate.

n the City, there are more clear-cut worries. Neither companies nor banks and big investors want to become embroiled in transactions that might span an election. The early Budget presents few worries, but the most favoured election date is now April 9 - only 66 days away. That virtually rules out new takeover bids depending on largescale underwriting of shares, since a takeover bid is now usually reckoned to last the full 60 days allowed by the takeover panel after a formal offer document is sent. Fund managers may be happy to hold shares, but there is no point in multiplying that risk over an election period for the modest returns ex-pected from underwriting. The window of opportunity for rights issues is also closing fast. Last autumn's appeirte for new share issues choked on British Aerospace and a series of cases where fund managers felt companies were joining the bandwagon for no good reason. From now on, rights issues are likely to require the sort of heavy discount that only those in real need are likely to contemplate.

Paradoxically, this election blight on corporate activity could help sustain the shares of companies immune from political change — at least until the next "shock" opinion poll.

ECONOMIC VIEW

## State of the union shows a need for alternative to Reaganomics

Anatole Kaletsky

believes that

the Nineties

out to be the American decade -

may yet turn

en years ago. I arrived in America as Washington correspondent of the Financial Times. America was at the lowest point of its worst recession for 50 years. The country was still smarting from its humilia-tion by Ayatollah Khomeini when Poland was crushed by martial law. Communism was in the ascendant round the world and had arrived on

America's doorstep in Nicaragua.

Five presidents in a row had failed to serve the usual two terms in office and the new Hollywood president seemed destined to follow his fore-runners into history's footnotes. Having narrowly survived an assassination attempt, President Reagan found his popularity plunging with the economy to new lows.

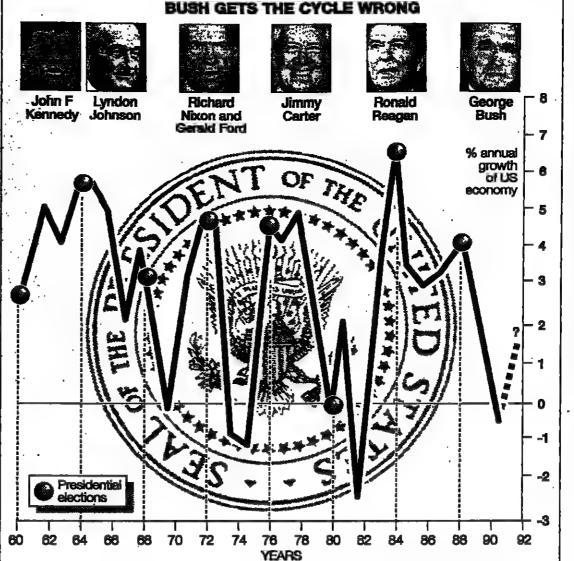
Against this appalling background, Mr Reagan delivered his-State of the Union message after a year in office. He boasted that America had learned once again to "stand tall" in the world. His economic advisers promised that the economy would come "roaring back". Mr Reagan was ridiculed by the international intelligentsia for his schmaltzy slogans, but he en-joyed the last laugh. For Mr Reagan had the measure of America's mood.

In 1982, America was not the distraught, self-questioning nation that I had expected. It was brimming over with pride. Americans had no time for anyone who told them of their loss of global dominance, of Japan's managerial and technical superiority or the higher living standards and more secure societies enjoyed by many Europeans. Ten years later, America has won

the cold war. It has enjoyed a period of uninterrupted growth never before matched in peacetime. The American recession, unlike the one in Britain, has been among the shallowest and shortest on record. Yet when President Bush presented his sober State of the Union message last week, he described a country in a state of neurosis and near-despair.

Americans reacted to Mr Bush's plans to revive the economy with the petulance of spoilt children. They grabbed the huge lollipops - like the \$5,000 cash handout for firsttime bomebuyers - then, without drawing breath, resumed their cries of "more more more".

Why does America demand ever more extravagent gestures from Mr Bush to show that "he cares" about a recession that may be over already? Because, like a spoilt child, it feels insecure. The cold war may have been won and the GDP may have stopped failing, but for the first time since the Great Depression, Americans feel like losers. What, then, has



broken America's spirit? Some explanations seemed far-fetched.

At the World Economic Forum in Davos this weekend, for example, Wayne Angell, the Federal Reserve governor, was still blaming the inflationary policies of the Seventies. Richard Breeden, the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, attributed the economic malaise partly to a high capital gains tax, which encouraged companies to replace equity with debt.

Jean-Claude Paye, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's secretary general, spread his net even wider. To explain the lack of confidence that has spread from America around the globe, he came up with four possible reasons: the breakup of the Soviet Union: the growth of protectionist pressure; the spread of Islamic fundamentalism; and (believe it or not) global warming. An incredulous American journalist translated M Pave's last thesis for his home-

town readers: "It's too hot to shop." Yet, to anyone who lived in America through most of the Eighties, the explanation seems clear enough. American workers' real wages have fallen almost contionuously since the mid-Seventies and are now no higher than they were in 1969. This record of stagnation is unmatched in any country outside Africa, Latin America and the former communist bloc. The real mystery is not why Americans have now woken up to their economy's underperformance, but why they were so over-confident in the past ten years.

merica's self-esteem has always been based on material advancement. The L country has not been bound together by a common history, an ethnic identity or a language, but by an ideological vision. America is the City on the Hill, the symbol of the entire world's hopes of prosperity and freedom, the ultimate destination of all human progress.

The contradiction between this glowing vision, which remains at the heart of all American education, politics and popular culture, and the economic underachievement of the past 20 years naturally led to the psychological denial of the Reagan era. Americans were not prepared to face the truth about their stagnating economy and Mr Reagan gave them some excellent excuses.

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ly better. He encouraged an overvalued dollar, which made foreign goods cheaper for consumers. He deregulated the financial system. allowing families and companies to raise their living standards (or dividends) by borrowing even if they could not earn enough to pay the bills. But all these were obviously temporary distractions.

The theory behind Reaganomics held that extra borrowing - by the government, consumers, companies and the nation as a whole through the balance of payments - was only an interim measure. It would tide the country over until the benefits of lower taxes and other "supply side" measures came through.

In retrospect, supply side economics, at least as it was applied in America and to a lesser extent in Britain, turned out to be a hoax. Record budget deficits stimulated demand and pulled America out of deep recession. The economy dld come "roaring back" from 1983, just as Mr Reagan had promised. But as a way of raising productivity and improving the allocation of resources lower taxes, financial deregulation, cuts in public services and the other nostrums of supply side economics were a failure. To

take one example, untrammelled financial deregulation did not redirect investment to more productive uses as the supply siders predicted. Instead, it financed unneeded office blocks, raised earnings and employment to unsustainable heights among financiers, realtors, architects and corporate lawyers, bankrupted hundreds of businesses caught up in the mania for leveraged buyouts and mergers, and forced thousands of others to sacrifice their long-term investment plans on the altar of "maximising shareholder values".

None of this proves that financial deregulation and the rest of the supply side policies were necessarily damaging, only that they went too far, or were mismanaged or introduced too fast. But the experience does suggest that the conventional assessment of American economic policy in the Eighties should be exactly inverted. In managing shortterm macroeconomic fluctuations, the Keynesian demand side of Reaganomics was (and still is) broadly successful, but in improving the economy's long-term productive po-tential, many of the supply side reforms were ineffective at best.

or the international economic policy stablishment, these findings are hard to accept. Organisations like the OECD have spent the past decade preaching to Europe about the need to emulate the labour markets, social and financial policies of America's supply side. At the same time, they have warned America to follow "prudent, stability oriented" macroeconomic policies like those of the Germans and other Europeans.

In the present recession, the scales have fallen from American eyes. They have realised that Reaganomics falled to restore the growth of their living standards and productivity and they need a new economic philsophy, but their leaders have no dea where to turn. This is why the psychological devastation has been out of all proportion to the depth of the economic downturn. It is also why America's future may now be more hopeful than at any time in the past 20 years. At last Americans are debating some of the economic and social handicaps that separate them from the rest of the world: the inefficiency of a health system financed by private insurance; the impact of education on productivity growth: the prodigious costs of litigation; the choice between a welfare safety net provided by the government and one offered by crime.

Nobody yet knows how to deal with these and many other problems, but throughout its existence America has proved uniquely capable of rising to every challenge, largely because of its openness to new ideas and people from round the world. As America finally confronts its economic and social failuses, the despair will turn into energy and enthusiasm. When it does, Europe and even Japan had better turn out to be the American decade.

## THE TIMES

SIMON Thorp, former head

#### Back to a future

of gilts trading at Salomon Brothers, has timed his return to the market admirably well. Two weeks after he quit his old post, it has emerged he is to take up an equivalent position at NatWest Gilts, part of NatWest treasury and capital markets which has grown steadily in the last couple of years. But to the envy of his past and future colleagues, he leaves tomorrow with his wife on a monthlong trip to Australia, thus guaranteeing a tan when he returns to the City early in March. "The gilts division has begun to be turned around and is set to become far stronger," says Thorp, aged 33, who began his career as a blue button with Akroyd & Smithers, now part of SG Warburg Securities. and switched to Salomons in 1988. He will be working under Keith Wiley, overall head of the gilts section. Salomons, meanwhile, have appointed two of Thorp's former team-mates, Andrew Duthie and Robie Uniacke. to pick up where he left off.

#### Winter's discontent

MARTIN Winter, a senior venture capital manager at Biddle & Co, the law firm. and the prospective Conservative candidate for the marginal south London seat of Tooting, has clashed with the board of Bass, the brewing giant. He is alarmed by talk that Charrington, a Bass subsidiary, is thinking of reopening the Balham Hotel in his would-be constituency. It has been closed since police raided the premises last Nov-



"Used to belong to a software pirate"

ember. He said as much to Ian Prosser, Bass chairman and chief executive, at the company's recent annual meeting and was assured that local opinion would be taken into account. "My basic point was that the overwhelming strength of public opinion could not be ignored and that it was in the commercial interest of Bass not to reopen," says Winter, aged 37, who, as a solicitor, is more likely to be found sitting with the board at a company meeting than firing hostile questions from the audience. Politics and the law aside, he has found time for an unusual new pursuit -- waterski

#### Everyone's a winner

PAUL Winner, PR consultant and marketing adviser. is set to do for the world of art what his cousin, Michael, has done for Britain's film industry. Winner, who is marketing adviser to the Confederation of British Industry, is known for his habit of sketching wherever he goes. Now, some of his work has found its

way into Harrods, where an exhibition of sketches and paintings of London theatres opens today. Guests at the launch will include Neville Shulman, a showbiz accountant and old friend, who made headlines over Christmas when he climbed Mount Kilimaniaro and Mount Kenva back to back in aid of Music for the World, a charity founded by Winner, whose artistic talent goes back to his days as a law student at Oxford where contemporaries included a highly ambi-tious Michael Heseltine. "It was while he was president of the Students' Union that he told me he intended to be prime minister," says Winner, aged 57, who set up the first student exchanges between Oxford and Moscow.

**CITY DIARY** 

What a corker EL VINO, the legendary Fleet Street watering hole, is knocking out premier cru Monthelie red burgundy at an unbelievable £1.95 a bottle against the usual £8.75. One problem - the wine has gone off. "We discovered it was going over the top, so thought we'd better try and sell it," said a spokesman, who added it is great for cooking or making mulled wine. "We suggest you drink it quickly." Pole positions

POLISH cabbies have been quick to grasp the potential of free trade. Dozens have written to East Midlands Electricity. offering to plaster adverts all over their taxis. EME, somewhat bemused by the approaches, is writing back to the budding entrepreneurs, politely declining the offer as it is unable to direct current so far east.

#### this change in market shape Sir, Once more Lloyd's is the than by lack of effort by was about 14 per cent. There subject of media comment were also substantial insur-Lloyd's. and letters to editors prescrib-Irrespective of past or ance industries in Japan, the ing cures for our ills. Fair USA and Europe, so our present market share, in acenough but, once more cepting the report of the task 1900 world share must have amidst it all, a tired old stick force, the chairman of Lloyd's committed the society to a

is raised to beat us down. I refer to the canard which is usually expressed as: "In 1900 Lloyd's had half the world's non-life insurance, today it has less than 2 per cent"; although Mr Dinkel's variation on this (Letters, January 24) asserts we had "45 per cent earlier this century".

There are no accurate records for 1900 for either Lloyd's or the world's corporate insurers. Using what figures are available, it appears

Lloyd's committed to growth in insurance that Lloyd's share of British non-life premiums in 1900

> Whatever our share in 1900, the largest growth in world non-life premiums since then has been for motor vehicle and other personal

whelmingly written by a country's indigenous insurers, not by international providers such as Lloyd's. Any apparent loss of market share

#### The cruel reality of the last cufflink

#### From Mr H.H. Marcus

Sir, May I join issue with Mr P.A. English who wrote an excellent letter published in your columns (January 28). It is said that Lloyd's has done much to alleviate the position of names. But, unfortunately, it has only made promises for the future to stem the flood of resignations and to make Lloyd's more attractive to brave new future generations. All that has been promised

is not to make them bankrupt and not to eject them from their private dwelling house, as long as it is a modest one. What we are trying to achieve is exactly what is happening. It is only a matter of

The fact that there are stop loss policies and that the errors and omissions policy insurers may be involved will help, but Mr English and many of the defenders of the present system seem to ignore the fact that a great deal has JON ASHWORTH | been wrong at Lloyd's and

#### higher growth rate than developed countries' GDP and lines insurances which barely the society has every intention existed at the turn of the of sharing this. century. These classes are over-Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS DOAK

Judges defended From Mr Ralph Instone that many underwriters have Sir, Mr D.J. Taylor (Business failed in the standard of effici-Letters, January 30) ascribes ency and competence names the limited effect of Section are entitled to expect. 312 of the Companies Act We all realise that losses 1985 to "the judicial interpre-

We only wish to avoid the pensation for loss of office". disasters and cataclysmic ef-In fact, Section 316(3) (datfects on our lives. We have ing from the 1948 Act) exalways talked about the last empts from the scope of cufflink, but few of us realised Section 312 any bona fide the cruel reality of this payment by way of damages for breach of contract, and The troubles at Lloyd's canalso any pension, superannuation gratuity or similar

not be swept under the The action groups will con-

tinue and litigation will become a daily feature, and only a resolved and determined intervention by Lloyd's Council will be able to prevent this and not only help the names now being so badly affected but also safeguard the future of this once great institution

Yours truly, H. H. MARCUS, 4 Regency Terrace,

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Carling's words prove prophetic as gallant Ireland are swamped by six dazzling tries and a superb display of running rugby

## Morris the spark for England's glory

BY DAVID HANDS

THE smile returned to England's rugby at Twickentoo, the smile on the face of the tiger: full of purpose and striking with deadly efficiency. Moreover, the display left everybody satisfied with both the means and the end.

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Whether England can sustain that quality in the face of harder opponents in what Geoff Cooke, their manager, described as the "hostile atmosphere" of the Parc des Princes, remains to be seen, but two years ago they were able to do so, against a vastly more experienced French side than the one they will meet on February 15.

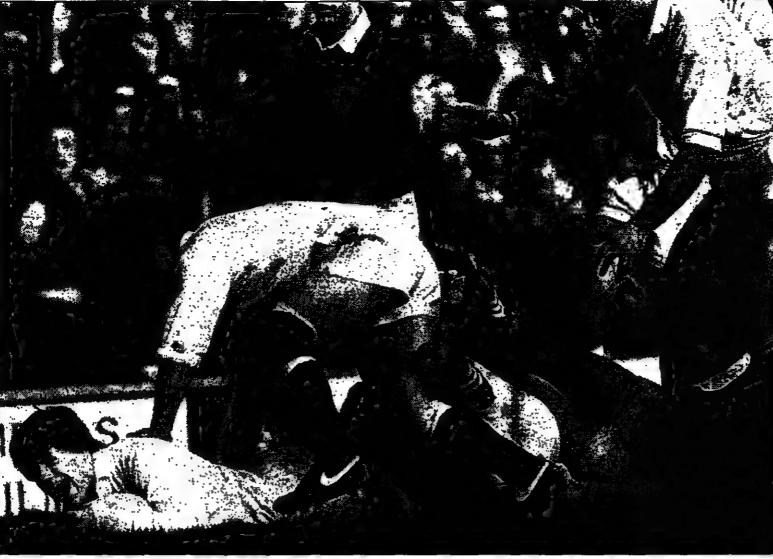
Poor Ireland never conceded the contest. They tackled their hearts out, with Aherne outstanding in defence, but were outgunned on too many fronts. Though Ciaran Fitzgerald, their coach, refused to admit it, their midfield was far too porous and the final tally of four goals, two tries and two penalties against a goal and a penalty tells of a defence struggling in vain to fill the gaps created by An-

drew, Carling and Guscott. England have never scored more points against a home union, and their total would have been nearer 50 had the ball not been lost in the tackle on three or four occasions. "It was one of the best English teams I have ever seen." Fitzgerald said. "They had a great ability to penetrate in numbers so that they always

had an option." Webb's 22 points, a recordequalling achievement, marked him out, but Morris's was the more triumphant return to Twickenham. The Orrell scrum half had quite his best international match, not only scoring a magnificent individual try, but forever taking England forward. bursting through the Irish defensive fringe and ensuring that their back row could not range wide and bolster the midfield.

Carling had claimed last week that while England would love to play dazzling rugby and score half a dozen tries in five nations' championship matches, it was not always possible to do so. But on Saturday, before a crowd offering great waves of support, that is precisely what they did, confirming the belief of critics who hinted that such play was possible last

The important difference now is mental attitude: England know they are winners and have the record to prove it. In two championship



Happy Halliday: The England wing shows his delight after forcing his way over the line to score England's fifth try at Twickenham

points. The record, from 1990, stands at 90 and only a brave man would bet against their surpassing that Their approach is far more relaxed, lowing them to play beautiful rugby, even though they have yet to hit peak efficiency It is, for instance, remark-

able that in two matches England have yet to dominate the lineout, hitherto their pride and joy. That is a reflection of how much they miss the retired Ackford, as well as the preparation of the Scots and the athleticism of Francis. ireland also won too many uncontested balls at the tail of the lineout, an area where Richards is still missed.

exulted in their pace and strength, and the crowd exulted with them from the moment when, with 23 seconds for the first try. When he also scored the last, he became the first England full back to score two tries in an international. Webb typified England's confident approach, shrugging off a couple of awkwardly bouncing balls which skipped away from him and adding to the attacking options.

Andrew's contribution to the first try is worthy of note. When the ball was spilled by Matthews it was the stand-off who was first on the ground to make it safe, an example of the dictum stressed by Ian McGeechan on the 1989 British Isles tour, that all players perform all jobs on the field, whatever the number on their back. Since

Andrew was back on his feet

to hand on to Webb for the

try, his part was critical. Carling suggested that England became too relaxed after their startling opening, which permitted the Irish to level the scores, first at 6-6 when, with Andrew trapped in a maul, Keyes exploited an inviting gap well, then at 9-9, by which stage Webb, with his first penalty, had become only the third England player But cavilling at such faults is inappropriate. England

to pass 200 points.

Thereafter, for all Aherne's delicate use of the box-kick. Smith's perseverance and Geoghegan's occasional gallops, Ireland were undone. Their contribution to the fluidity of the game deserves praise, though, because it helped Derek Bevan play the advantage law to the full. The Welsh official was poised to blow for a free kick, for example, when he saw Morris skip off to the blind side, sell an outrageous dummy and find

er made 20 metres before returning a delightful pass to Morris for the try.

Again, use of the advantage law created the position from which Guscott, with Underwood making a decoy run, sliced outside Mullin for the third try, helping to lift England to the threating half time height of 24-9. Underwood scored from a

close-range penalty, his 34th try, to be followed to the line by Halliday, twisting over in the corner, and Webb after Carling had crackled through the tired desence. Had another defender been in sight, the nearest man to Webb was Bayfield. Perhaps England are more than just a set-piece side now.

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SEVERAL important records were broken and equalled by the England pleyers and team during the match against fre-

scoretine of the game in Dublin In 1938. England's biggest winning margin remains the 35-

record for an England player, which was established against France in 1911 by "Dan" Lambert, who scored two three-point tries, two penalties and five conversions. Webb himself holds the record in all matches, having scored 24 points during England's win over itsely in the World Cup lest October,

Webb has scored 215 points in 25 internationals and

☐ Rory Underwood's 34th try brings him nearer Serge Blan-co's total of 38, though David Campese remains the world's leading international try-scorar, with 46.

off into touch.

passed Simon Hodgkinson's total of 203. His tally is now the

second highest among England internationals, behind

Dusty Hare, who scored 240 points, siso from 25 games.

☐ England's first try, which

was timed as taking slightly more than 23 seconds, ranks

among the fastest tries to have been scored in an international

they achieved the grand slam, and in 1986, Pierre Berbizier scored for France against Scotland with a quickly-taken lineout after Scotland kicked

## Welsh crescendo cut off by stern French offering

France BY GERALD DAVIES

THE Cwmbach male voice choir delivered its hymns and arias at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday: so did Beverley Humphries, the mezzo soprano, with her rendering of the national anthem; and even the Princess of Wales and her two boys chimed in. But the Welsh team, flushed from its victory over Ireland in Dub-lin, did not.

France, despite holding off a second-half fightback. looked hesitant and lacked conviction in their opening five nations' championship match, qualities in which they are rarely found wanting on Parc des Princes. They will need to rediscover their old power if they are to stop England, who Berbizier on Saturday, if I understood him correctly, reckoned to have been the best team in the

World Cup. For Wales, thank goodness for the eminent good sense of Bob Norster and Alan Davies, the manager and coach. who understand that the Welsh recovery is a matter of patience. They ought not to be deflected from their longtenti purpose by this defeat any more than by their team's victory a fortnight ago.

Disappointed, yes. Demoralised, no. What has been crushed needs to be built brick by brick. There were good points here, like good first-phase possession, as well as bad, like losing the second phase, just as there were two weeks ago. Ireland allowed Wales back, France, by giving away so many penalties (18). almost did but were made of sterner stuff, winning by a goal, a penalty and dropped goal to three penalties. However, there seemed to

be a hint of a disturbing innovation. Was a substitute introduced into international rugby as opposed to a replacement? For the first time in a while, Wales were not discomforted in the scrum. Even more of a revelation was their domination of the lineout in which, up until the 32nd minute, when France scored their try. Wales were winning the count, 11-5.

geot, who lacked height in the lineout, came off to be replaced by the taller and more experienced Roumat. There were those, not all cynics, who detected this as a tactical substitution. Afterwards, it was revealed that the lock had suffered a torn calf muscle. France won not because of this but rather because Wales, for all their possession,

were tactically too rigid. France, when chancing their arm, looked infinitely more dangerous. Galthie and Penaud had a fine opening international partnership and made more profitable use of what they had.

Wales were in a strait-jack-

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Jones kicked: Stephens kicked: everybody kicked. And Lafond, with the equanimity of the cockerel who strutted happily on the pitch, picked up the stray bits. Wales also concentrated too much too close to the scrum. where the defence was tight.

Wales, yet again, had a nervous start and found they were behind. to Viars's penalty after four minutes. Territorially. Wales were well blessed for most of the half but it was France who kept adding the points. What good luck there was went France's way. When Wales mounted an attack from Jones and Evans combining on the blind side and the ball went loose, Galthie kicked with his toe to Penaud.

Thus began the move on which the French thrive: slick passing by the backs, strong support and running by the forwards. Cabanes and Cecillion twice straightened the thrust. Sella. Lafond and Saint-André did the rest. Before the end of the half, Penaud had dropped a goal. The rest of the match

lacked generous movement. Jenkins succeeded with three penalties, but the urgency and tenacity Wales showed against Ireland were no longer quite there. And, as Alan Davies emphasises, better execution and understanding can come only

C Mougeot (Begles, rep. O Roumet, Dex), L Cabernes (Recing Club), M Cecilion (Bourgoin) Referes: E Doyle (Ireland).



## Brilliance triumphs over engaging naivety

The exhilaration of England's performance on Saturday, produc-ing that sense of watching something rare and special, also illustrated the contradictions that exist at the peak of rugby union. It is both the strength and limitation of rugby that appearances can hugely exceed

reality.
The beauty of Saturday was that, after the hype and swank and tension of the World Cup, here were England back in familiar, domestic surroundings. The passage of an international rugby team, unlike football, is not a straight line con-necting a succession of per-

#### PARKET MILLER

manent crises. Twickenham on Saturday was comfortable, and not just because England won so triumphantly. The game still belongs to

the players and the public. not yet to the money men not quite. The way it belonged to millions of people watching League football, the other game, back in the Thirties, before they had ever heard of World Cups, and before European competition had been invented. In the same way that people then believed, even asserted,

could now feel the crowd revelling in the belief that they were watching some of the best rugby to be seen anywhere.

Some were avidly describing this as the best England had played in ten years, in 20 years: who knows, maybe ever. The handling of En-gland's backs was quick and crisp, the way we had longed for it to be in the autumn during the World Cup. Here at last was Carling truly run-ning like a great player, boring this way and that like an unbroken stallion: Guscott looking worth a million to any rugby league side: Mor-

that English football was ris at scrum half combining the best in the world, so you the handling of a back with flanker.

The crowd, excepting those with a green favour, had the uninhibited but simple glee of a pantomime audience, bugging itself as Prince Charming put to flight the Wicked Uncle. So one-sided was the attacking it was more of a pageant than a match.

But then, just when the euphoria was being wantonly shaken and sprayed around like champagne, the thought overtook your hold on a minute, England have raised a mighty cheer, run up a big score, and have Ircland. Not France, or New Zealand, mean foreigners, but

our cousins across the There is something uniquely different about the Irish, and I was trying to pinpoint just what it is dur-ing one of the few hills in the match. Perhaps, suggested my colleague, David Hands, it is that they are always, however tough, a team of

Maybe that's it. Ireland are still playing games the way they were in our grand-fathers' day. That is part of the beauty that rugby recapsule, from which its World Cup threatens to shake it free. Some say for the better, but it could be for

What we had on Saturday was a marvellous display of sportsmanship and attacking flair untarnished by so much that is wrong with contemporary sport. I reland were defensively exposed, and England profited to the

What has spoiled so much sport is that bad teams have carned how to hide their deficiencies, how to make everything negative. Now and then, sport needs a day as gloriously one-sided as

also off target with a penalty

in the second half. By con-

trast. Didier Pouyau was

successful with seven kicks

out of seven, five of them

penalties and the other two

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#### Scrums prove to be contentious issue

BY CHRIS THAU

SCRUMMAGING was a contentious area in the match between Wales and France in Cardiff on Saturday. A couple of scuffles broke out between the front rows and there were a lot of collapsed scrums.

Owen Doyle, the referee, penalised France several times for collapsing the scrum but both French props, Gregoire Lascube and Philippe Gimbert, claim it was Mike Griffiths, the Welsh loose head prop. who was

principally responsible.
The Welsh avoided headon confrontation. Every time Griffiths dropped his shoulder the scrum collapsed and we got penalised," Lascube

Gimbert, who was warned a couple of times by Doyle, said: "It is inconceivable that. for example, we would drop a scrum near our line when we had been so dominant. There was no way they could push

that I was pulling down the which is especially pleasing."

scrum. This is exactly what Griffiths had done against Ireland. He collapsed the scrum five times and Wales got three penalties out of

He added: "I prefer to play against the English. They are much stronger but they are fairer, you can take them on. It is strength and technique that wins the day against them not cheap tricks."

Moscato, who carried on playing with a sprained el-bow, defying the excruciating pain, was singled out for praise by the coach, Pierre Berbizier. "I want to publicly thank Vincent for his bravery, for his selfless dedication," he said. "This symbolises the new spirit of the French team."

The Wales coach, Alan Davies, said: "There were great expectations before this match, with people saying everything was coming right after our victory in Ireland. But our forwards did superbly in the lineouts and scrums

#### PESULTS

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Wales: Pens: N Jenkins (3), France: Try: Saint-Andre Con: Lafond, Pen: Viera, Dropped goal: Pensud Courage Clubs Championship

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Fourth division north

Club matches

### Townsend inspires late Scottish rally France B.

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FROM ALAN LORIMER SCOTLAND suffered their third successive defeat

Scotland B.

against France in the series of B internationals yesterday at Albi, in the southwest of France, but they at least had the satisfaction of finishing level with their hosts on the try count. Two touchdowns in the last quarter made the final score more respectable for the visitors.

Hugh Campbell, the Scotland B forwards coach, said: "We made many basic errors but still managed to defend well. Much of our problem lay in the fact that we tried back-row moves when what was needed was a solid platform in the scrum and good first-phase possession." The Scots knew that they

would be under pressure from a French B pack that contained four full caps, and in the event, the heavier French, had the Scotland scrummage under pressure. Moreover. the French were much more assertive in the lineout, where for most of the first half, Christophe Deslandes, their international No. 8, gave them possession at the tail and allowed their forwards to

rolling mauls. In many ways, it was the need for most of the Scottish players to step up to a higher level that caused the problems. Even so, the Scots, who were trailing 24-3 at one stage in the second half. staged a wonderful fightback to score 15 points in the last 15 minutes.

build up momentum through

Of the candidates for the Scotland team to face Ireland in Dublin on February 15. Rob Wainwright, the captain, was acknowledged by Graham Young, the Scottish Rugby Union selector in charge of the B team as being the closest to a full cap. But Young also made mention of Mark Moncrieff and Derek Stark, the two wingers, Gregor Townsend the young



and Martin Scott, the hooker. Stark looked the most willing of the Scottish backs, although late in the game Townsend made a couple of confident breaks, and it was Couffignal, the inside centre, his running that lead to both and Jerome Cazalbou, the Scotland's tries. The first came from lineout possession won by Rob Scott, before Townsend's break and

stand-off half, Andy Mac-Donald, the Heriot's lock,

the support of Wainwright gave lan Jardine a try. A heel against the head by Martin Scott gave the Scots the opportunity to strike a second time, and when Townsend was tackled a metre short of the French line, he slipped the ball to Wainwright for the flanker to score. Scotland, however, paid-

for missing kicks at goal. Mark Appleson, the London Scottish full back, missed two chances in the opening four

SCRUM half.

SCORERS: France B: Tries: Couflignel, Cazabou Conversions: Pouyeu (2) Penalty goals: Pouyeu (5) Scottand B: Tries: Jerdine. Walnwright. Conversions: Townsend Appleatin Penalty goals: Townsend (2): FRANCE B: S Cogler (Toulouse), 3 Salies (Paul. M. Martaing (Toulouse), H. Couffignal (Coloniera), B Lorenzin (Alb.). D Pouyeu (Bayonne), J Cazalbou (Toulouse). L. Armery (Lourdes, captain), J-P. Genet (Racing Club), P Charmsyou (Natural Course). J Cazalbou (Toulouse). J Carabou (Salies). D Saurin (Alp.). D Cazalbou (Toulouse). J J-Gourse (Salies). D Saurin (Salies). D Cazalbou (Course). J J-Gourse (Gall.). D Cazalbou (Call.). D Caza

"The referee kept pointing at my locking arm suggesting

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Champion fails to dispel doubts about his commitment to finishing the job

## Eubank goes through motions

BY SRIKLIMAR SEN **BOXING CORRESPONDENT** 

CHRIS Eubank made all the right noises after successfully defending his World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title against Thulane "Sugar Boy" Malinga, of South Africa, on Saturday at Birmingham, but it was what he did not say that came through loud and clear.

Only those who take his words at face value will be convinced that he has lifted from his mind the burden of the head injuries suffered by Michael Warson in their bout four months ago. "Before the fight, what happened had preyed on my mind. There was a doubt. Am I going to hold back?" Eubank said.

He claimed that, after flooring Malinga in the fifth round with an overhand right, "I proved to myself that doubt is not there".

"My objective is not to cause mayhem," he said. But nothing was going to stop me finishing the fight at that time. If the bell had not rung, I would have finished the fight."

The bout does not support his contention. While it might have looked as if he was going after Malinga in the fifth round, it was far from a determined effort. Malinga looked utterly vulnerable. But Eubank's follow-up was as half-hearted as his boxing was half-paced.

Whether consciously or unconsciously - I believe it was the former - he could not make himself unleash the "killer punch". Eubank is too intelligent a man to forget the devastating effect his blows can have.

I believe Eubank could have finished the contest in that round or the next, for he is the most accurate of punchers. Yet, he kept missing, round after round. He seldom makes mistakes, yet he was caught over and over

Three times he fell over because of wild punches that completely missed. Where was the fearsome uppercut? Why so many body punches? Why such sloppy defence? His trainer, Ronnie Davies,



Unconvincing display: The blows of Eubank, right, kept missing, round after round against Malinga

by three rounds.

He is hanging on to stabilise

financially after making

heavy investments in proper-

ty. If he was still interested in

boxing, he would be talking

about taking on leading

said: "He wasn't sharp. I don't know why. He was sharp in the gym. He looked brilliant in the gym. He should have stopped him. Mental? I've got to be careful what I say.'

A subdued Eubank at first blamed his performance on ten weeks' absence from the gym, but then said: "Perhaps has taken longer than I thought to get over it. I didn't look as sharp as I wanted to. Two or three times something crossed my mind to disturb my concentration, one or two things, just the whole situa-

tion. There were things on my mind I wasn't sure about. I had to prove something to

At first, it could be said he was only interested in "nicking" the rounds by lifting the pace as necessary and getting through the bout without causing Malinga any injury. Though Eubank was always in control, this was a difficult strategy for a counter-punching type like him to follow against a stand-

Instead, Eubank is to defend against John Jarvis, of up boxer like Malinga. the United States, on April 5 Eubank won easily enough on my card, by three or four at the G-Mex Centre, Manchester, Jarvis won a

gave it to the South African What heart Eubank had in boxing is not there any more.

MOTIONS.
RESULTE: Super-middleweight chemplonship (12 nouncis). Chris Eubenis (68, 
holder) bi Thulane Mainga (SA), pts 
Commonweetht light-middleweight 
shampionship (12 main) Chns Pyatt (68, 
holder) bi Ambrose Mille (2m), rac 3rd nd. 
Light-weiter (4 mds): George Sooit (US) bi 
John Smith (Liverpoot), ne 3rd md. Lightweiter (8 mds): Micriael Driscol (Portsmouth) bit Peler Till (Weissell), no 3rd nd. 
Weiter (8 mds): Eme Loveridge (Stourport) 
bit Micrael Oliver (Swarsess), pts. Middle (4 mds): Paul Busby (Worsester) bit John 
Kaghin (Swanses), pss. Light-heavy (6 mds): Ginger Tinhabelaie (SA) bit Gil Lewes 
(Coverby), rat 4th nd.

#### rounds, though one of the judges and many ringsiders

controversial decision over Malinga and was knocked out by Darrin Van Horn. Those close to Eubank say he is simply going through the motions.

GOLF

## Palmer gains his reward for the years of hard toil

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN BANGKOK

van Till, of The Netherlands.

She asked Palmer if she

might caddie for him and he

agreed. "She is not the type of

caddie everyone would like," Palmer said, "but I put peace

of mind on the fairways above

someone giving me the right

yardage or the perfect line. She helped get me into the winner's enclose."

Palmer had started out one

shot ahead of Langer, whose putting let him down in a

round of 68, and Ogle, who

also shot 68, although, with

the course being less demand-

ing than most on the Europe-

an circuit, it was inevitable

that at least one player would

tralia two weeks ago in a last-

round charge, had four birdies to reach the turn in 32

and he holed from four feet

and from 18 feet for birdies at

the 10th and 14th holes re-

spectively. He missed a

chance from eight feet at the

16th, but another birdie at

the 17th, inspired by a lovely

eight-iron shot, took him to

Palmer, however, was equal

to the task. He had holed

from ten feet at both the 13th

and 14th and another birdie

with a six-iron to 15 feet at the

16th enabled him to wriggle

clear again. He protected a

siender advantage with two good putts from 60 feet at the

17th and played the last text-

Rafferty took £37,283 for his share of second place, but

did himself a disservice by

refusing a request to visit the press-room. Players have

been informed by the PGA

European Tour this year that.

they should respect all reason-

able requests for interviews and his refusal to fall into line

with those guidelines in the first event of the season will be

investigated by officials. He

was fined £5,000 after walk-

ing out of the US Open half-

way through the second

Steven Richardson, after

completing a 69 for sixth

place, was put on a stretcher after suffering from heat ex-

haustion. He was later placed

on an intravenous drip to

round last June.

19 under par.

book fashion.

Rafferty, who won in Aus-

spring from the pack.

IAN Palmer emerged from anonymity yesterday, when, with a final round of 68, he won the Johnnie Walker Classic by one shot from Bernhard Langer, Brett Ogle and Ronan Rafferty here on the Pinehurst course.

The South African has toiled as a professional for 11 years with little success.In fact, he had not played a PGA European Tour event since 1984 and the £83,330 he carned here was ten times in excess of his previous biggest cheque. Even so, he showed tremendous composure to accomplish his triumph with a total of 268, 20 under par, because at one point the leaderboard was as congested as Bangkok's motorways with 16 players separated by five shots on a hot, humid afternoon.

"I suppose like anyone who wins a big event for the first time at the age of 34, it has to be a dream come true," Palmer said. "but I must be honest and say that winning wasn't on my mind when I came here. I was thinking more about making the halfway

Paimer has spent more time than he would care to recall counting the scores on the board to see whether or not he was to be one of the victims of the weekly cut. He played in Europe in the early Eighties with limited success before moving to the United States, disenchanted with being strait-jacketed by apartheid.

"I am against apartheid." he said, "but, like all South Africans, I found that when I was in Europe before, couldn't get a visa to play in several countries, so I headed for America. Now I am welcome everywhere, I regard Europe as my No. 1 tour."

Palmer regained his play er's card by finishing ninth at the PGA European Tour qualifying school in November. The omens were good for his return, because he finished runner-up in the South African PGA championship

last week. However, his arrival here went almost unnoticed, except by the Baroness Pauline replace lost body fluid.

Winter Games sell well

Winter Olympics organisers said yesterday they had sold 730,000 tickets, exceeeding their revenue target of \$26 million (£14.5 million).

They said remaining tickets for the Games, in Albertville on February 8 to 23, were available only to residents and tourists at the venues. Events not sold out included men's and women's Alpine skiing, ski jumping, freestyle skiing and speed skiing.

☐ Jilly Curry, of Britain, won the combined gold medal in the World Cup freestyle event at Oberjoch, Germany

Lewis in Glasgow

Athletics: Carl Lewis makes his first appearance in Britain for six years when he competes in the Pearl Assurance International Games at Glasgow on Saturday.

Danny Everett, of the United States, set a world indoor 400 metres record yesterday. clocking 45.02sec.

Sweden contained

Football: Paul Wade, the captain, headed home a free kick in Melbourne yesterday to give Australia their second 1-0 win over Sweden in five days. The teams also played a scoreless draw in Sydney. ☐ Talks designed to bring unity in South African professional football failed again in

Johannesburg on Saturday. British one-two

Golf: Alison Nicholas collected \$12,750 (about £7,100) for winning the Malaysian women's open championship by one stroke from Suzanne Strudwick, a fellow Briton.

Record shattered

Swimming: Kieren Perkins, of Australia, broke the 1,500 metres short course world record by 5.2 seconds, clocking 14min 32.40sec in Canberra yesterday.

Law fights back

Yachting: Chris Law, of England, took the final of the Australia Cup match racing regatta on the Swan River in Perth, Australia, yesterday, by 46 seconds from Gordon Lucas, of Australia.

Epée repeat

r: Geor iner. o Colchester Meadowbank, retained her British women's epée title in Colchester on Saturday, beating Penny Thomlinson, of London, 5-2, 5-3, in the final.

Briggs on top

Judo: Karen Briggs and Sharon Rendle, of Britain, won the bantamweight and featherweight categories in the Tournoi de Paris yesterday. Briggs threw Cecile No-wak, of France, the world champion, with a left shoulder throw for waza-ari in the bantamweight final.

MONTEREY, California: AT and T Pebble Beach national pro-am tourna-ment: Lesders after three rounds (US unless stated): 205: M O'Mears, 69, 68, 68, 207: J Steman, 84, 78, 70, 208: T Lehmen, 70, 71, 67; P Azinger, 74, 70, 64: R Floyd, 71, 73, 64, M Wiebe, 64, 74, 70; H Twitty, 68, 70, 70, 208: P Stewert, 73, 66, 70; D Pohl, 71, 68, 70; S Elkington (Aus), 70, 70, 69; F Zoeller, 72, 88, 68; G Morgen, 71, 50, 69, Britister, 219; H Clear, 70, 73

KEY BISCAYNE: Seniore' Royal Caribbean Classic: Leaders after two rounds: 134: 6 Player (SA), 70, 64. 138: C Rodriguez (US), 71, 67: D Hendrickson (US), 70, 68. 139: M Hill (US), 72, 67.

LAKE WORTH, Florida: Oldamobile Classic LPGA tournament: Leaders after three rounds (US unless stated) 209: D Coo. 67, 73, 68; P Bradley, 70, 67, 72: H Altredason (Swe), 66, 71, 72, 210; R Pearson, 89, 72, 69; E Daniel, 68, 71, 73, 211; C Walker, 71, 73, 67; D Richard, 70, 70, 71; R Jones, 68, 71, 72, 212; S Hameln, 70, 74, 68, Eritish; 218; K Daves, 75, 72, 71, 219; T Johnson, 71, 72, 76

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday

#### Lewis learns a lesson in uninspiring style the world title and then find-☐ The former heavyweight rounds in my career and it's ing out how hard it can be champion, George Foreman,

Las Vegas: Despite his unimpressive victory over Levi Billups, of the United States, here on Saturday, Lennox Lewis insisted that he remains on course to bring the world heavyweight championship to Britain. After beating Biliups on a unanimous points decision after a one-sided ten-round contest. Lewis also rejected claims that his performance might have delayed his prospects of challenging for the title dur-

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Tve jumped a hurdle," Lewis said yesterday. "This is the first time I've been ten

another part of the learning process. It turned into a technical war, really. I realise you can't knock everybody out. but it showed a lot of people I'm bere and I'm a

contender." Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, was also happy to look on the positive side of his protege's display. "Lennox was trying too hard to impress the Americans and should have got behind the jab more often," Maloney said. "At the end of the day, Lennox needed a fight like that. It's no good getting to

when it's too late." Lewis, who is ranked No. 3

by the World Boxing Associ-ation and No. 4 by the World Boxing Council, won by ten points, eight points and six points on the judges' scorecards. On the same bill, Michael Moorer, another emerging contender for the world title, who had won all his 26 fights inside the distance, was taken the full ten rounds by Mike White. Moorer floored White in the opening round and twice later in the bout.

will meet Alex Stewart in Las Vegas on April 7. Foreman, aged 42, will be fighting for only the second time since losing a decision to the world champion, Evander Holyfield, in April last year.

Foreman, champion in 1973 and 1974, has a record of 70-3, with 66 victories within the distance, and a mark of 26-1 since beginning his comeback in 1987 after a ten-year lay-off. Stewart, who is aged 25, has a record of 27-3, with 27 stoppages. (Agencies)

FOR THE RECORD



Lewis: still undefeated

DAVIS CUP: First round: World group

Australia bt Yugostavis. 6-0 (J. Friz-gerald and T. Woodbridge bt A. Kapnov and N. Djordjevic. 7-5, 6-3, 7-6, W. Mesur bt N. Djordjevic. 6-3, 6-0; F. Fromberg bt S. Mustalirovic. 6-0, 6-3), Italy bt Spain, 4-0 (D. Camporese and D. Nargiso, 5-1

bit N Dordjeivc, 6-3, 6-0; A Fromberg bit S Masicatrovic, 6-0, 6-3), Inaly bit Spain, 4-1 (O Camporese and D Nargiso bit E Sanchez and 3 Casal, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4; Camporese bit Sanchez, 8-0, 6-2, 6-4, C Caratti bit 5 Brugera, 6-4, 6-7, 6-1); Brazil lead Germany, 2-1, ij Oncina bit C-U Steeb, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6. C Mofits and F Rosee bit B Becker and E Jelen, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3; Switzerland bit Netherlands, 4-1 (M Roseet and J Hissek bit P Hearhuls and M Koevermans, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1; Hissek bit J Eltingh, 6-2, 6-4, Rosset lost to Hearhuls, 4-6, 3-6), Czechoslovatkia bit Belgium, 5-6 (P Kords and C Suk bit T van Houdt and E Masso, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, Kords bit B Wuyts, 6-4, 7-5; K Novacek bit Masso, 6-4, 6-2; Canada lead Sweden, 2-1 G Connell bit M Gustafsson, 7-8, 6-4, 6-4, D Nestor bit 8 Edberg, 4-6, 6-3, 1-8, 6-4, 6-4, Connell and G Michibata lost to Edberg and A Jarryd, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 4-8). United States bit Argentina, 3-0 (P Sampras bit Maris, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4, M Cerros and C Minimissi and J Franz, 6-7, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1

## FINAL SCORES FROM SANGKOK

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(Aus), 71, 88, 67, 70; M Harwood (Aus), 68, 70, 98, 71, 276; Lin Chih-chen (Talwan), 68, 68, 73, 69; A Meete (US), 70, 70, 66; H Kase (Japan), 67, 71, 70, 70; R Osws (Aus), 68, 69, 70, 70; A Hunler, 68, 70, 70, 72; F Minoza (Phi), 68, 72, 66, 72; N Perses (Sri Lanke), 69, 68, 68, 78; P Proce, 67, 71, 87, 73.

279; L White, 70, 70, 71, 88; P McGinley, 68, 70, 71, 71, 73; P Marksaeng (Thai), 69, 79, 69, 67, 71, 70, 69, J Cooree (Arg), 72, 69, 69, 69; J Sponce, 70, 65, 74, 70; V Singh (Fils), 68, 67, 71, 73; P Marksaeng (Thai), 69, 70, 67, 73, 290; J Haggarty, 70, 70, 76; P Hell, 72, 67, 72, 69; M Rarmayah (Melaysis), 69, 71, 69, 71; S Balcettore (Sp.), 65, 74, 69, 71; 68, 70; 75, 281; G Morquist (US), 68, 70, 67, 75, 281; G Morquist (US), 68, 70, 67, 75, 281; G Morquist (US), 69, 73; R Conser (US), 68, 70, 70, 71; G Evens, 70, 71, 71; R J Salvanan (US), 69, 71, 72; Kyl-Ha Han (Burma), 69, 71; 69, 72; M-A Jimenez (Sp.), 70, 86, 70, 76.

#### SQUASH FLACKETS

BOWLS HAVEN OU INTER-CLUB CHAMPION SHIP: Cuarter-finals: Cyphere 118, Tor-bay 55; East Dorsat 62, Nottingham 99; Cotswold 64, Darlington 86; March 75, North Weisham 73, Saml-final draw; Nottingham v Cyphere, Darlington v March

. CANCEING

**CRESTA RUN** BRABAZON TROPHY: 1, C Bertschinger (Switz), 5man 07.20sec; 2, G Caltianee (Switz), 508.30: 3, M. Melcher (Switz), 5 12.35 British: 8, M. Adams, 5.29.63

LAHORE: Under-19 Test: 310 (J Snape 78, T Walton 69, P Weston 68); Pakietan

CYCLING ROUNDHAY PARK, Leeds: World cy-

PARIS: International tournament: Men: Lightweight: Chung Hoon (S Kor) bit R: Sporieder (Ger), wazz ari Light-middle: Kim Byung-joo (S Kor) bit A Clupi (Rom), chu. Middle: P Teyot (Fr) bit H Okada (Japan). Light-heavy: L Swrid (CIS) bit T Merjer (Neth), wazz ari Hari-heavy: P. Tayot (Fr) bit H Ogada (Japan), ippon. Heavy: H Seldne (Japan) bit H Stohr (Ger), decision. Women: Bantam: K Brugs (GB) bit C Nowak (Fr), wazz an, Feather: S Rendle (GB) bit M Uddis (Japan), ippon. Light-middle: Y Arad (Jar) bit M Janosikova (Cz), wazz an.

CUEEN'S CLUB, London British open championship: Second round: N South bt D Makey, 15-12, 15-11, 13-16, 15-5; C Hue Williams bt P Rosser, 15-8, 15-2, 15-5; R Mason bt P Totcherd, 15-11, 15-12, 15-11, T Whatley bt M Brooks, 17-14, 12-15, 15-12, 15-11, M Hue Williams bt P Macwell, 15-9, 15-7, 16-8, M Nicholis bt A Robenson, 15-3, 8-15, 15-7, 15-12; W Bristove bt M Crosty, 15-3, 15-7, 15-12; W Ristove bt M Crosty, 15-3, 15-1, 15-8, SCHOOLS MATCH: Rugby (A Center and H Green) bt Tonbridge (G Constant and J Cheplin), 15-7, 16-13, 15-4, 15-3.

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STUTTGART: International Indoor meeting: Men: 80nr: A Cason (US), & 46eac. 200nr: 1, Fleant (US), 20 93, 2. C Lewis (US), 20 97, 400nr: 1, D Everett (US), 45 02 (world rec), 2, S Lewis (US), 45.53 80nr: J Gray (US), Time 45.68eac. 3,000nr: D Baumann (Ger), 7 39.55. 60nr hurdles: F Schwarthoff (Ger), 7 57sec. Long jump: L Starks (US), 8.34m Women: 80nr: 1, I Provalova (CS), 7 04eac. 2, E Ashford (US), 7 30, 3, N Cooman (Neth), 7.34 200nr: Privalova, 22 36 400nr: L Leatherwood (US), 52.57 800nr: C Wachtel (Ger), 2mm 00.83eac 60m hurdles: J Baumann (Swrtz), 8 06eac High jump: H Henhel (Ger), 200m BORDEAUX: International indoor meeting: Men: 200m: 1, N Antonov (Bul), 200m BORDEAUX: International indoor meeting: Men: 200m: 1, N Antonov (Bul), 200m stary (CS), 5250c (Son hurdles: I Kazanov (CIS), 755m. Women: 80nr: G Maichugns (CIS), 755m. Women: 80nr: C Maichugns (CIS), 720ec 400mr: L Dzhygalova (CIS), 53.31. Mille: T Dorovstuck (CS), 4mn 31 19eac. CIS), 687m, 2, H Dreachler (Ger), 6.83. MOSCOW: Commonwealth of Independent Status wither Indoor champlonships: Men: 60mr V Seven (Kazhak), 6 51sec (equals European record) 5km walk: G Komley (Russa), 18mn 23.10sec (world record)

walk: G Korniev (Russia), (Brran 23.10scc (word record)
OTTA. Japan: Marrathon: Men: 1. D
Ceron (Mer). 3rt 08mm 38csc. 2. Huang
Yeong-to (S Kor). 208 47 3. A Niemczak
(Pol), 2:11:16.
ALICANTE: European men's clubs
cross-country championship: 1. D Castro (Sporting Lisbon). 28mm 38sec; 18. C
Moore (Bingley, Eng) Teams: 1. Sporting
Lisbon, 18pts. 6. Bingley 157. 8.
Cardiuslang, 189: 10, Armadale, 198.
CASSINO, haly: European women's
clubs cross-country championship: 1. F
Marques (SC Bagas, Pol. 6. S Rigg (Sale,
Eng) Teams: 1. SC Barga, 17cts, 6, Salo,
116 (Rigg, A Williams 13. S Parter 16. M
Williamson 81)
AMOREBIETA, Spain: Zornotza world

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MATCHROOM LEAGUE: Buckhurst Hill: S Davis (Eng.) bt A Fisher (Eng.) 52 Stirling: J. Wattens (Theil) bt S. James (Eng.) 62

YACHTING SAN DIEGO: Louis Vuston Cup: Sixth round: New Zestand (R Daws) bit Espans 32 (P Campos, Sp), 4sm 16sec Nappon (C Decision, Japan) wo Spr 1 of Australia (P Gutnou) dritt, Ville de Paris (M Pagot, F) wo Challenge Australia (P Thompson) drit, il Moro di Venezia (P Cayard II) bit fre Kronor (G Krantz Swe), disc, Overeit equal 1. Il Moro di Venezia Nappon ano New Zestand, 5 wins, 1 defeat, 4, Ville de Pero, 4, 2, 5 Sport of Australia, 3, 2, 6, Espans 32, 2, 4 equal 7. The Kronor and Challenge Australia, 0, 6 PERTH: Australia Cup match-racing régalita: Sami-firatia. C Law Engl to 1. Pepornet (Fr) 21, G Lucas (Aus.) bit is religione (Swe), 2-1. Final: Law bit Lucas, 2-1

# MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: New York Kinicks 125, Washington Bulleta 114, Miwaukee Bucks 102, Boaton Cellics 100: Chicago Bullet 107, Dallans Mavencks 52: Golden State Warriors 124, Deriver Mugges 103, Seattle SuperSonica 122, Crisriotia Homers 105, Indiana Pacers 115, Atlenta Hawks 106, Philadelphia 76ers 112, Orlando Magic 88; Detroit Pistons 109, Miem Heat 96, San Antonio Spurs 103, Mannesota Timberwolves 101; Urah Jazz 117, Phosenx Suns 116, Portisand Trail Blezors 113, New Jersey Nets 108, Secramento Kings 112, Los Angeles Chippers 109, Saturday: Detroit Pistons 89, Atlenta Hewks 80, Philadelphia 75ers 128, Boston Cellics 110; Urah Jazz 104, Dallas Mavencks 90; Phoenix Suns 106, Houston Rockais 92: Los Angeles Chippers 109, Saturday: Detroit Pistons 89, Atlenta Hewks 80; Philadelphia 75ers 128, Boston Cellics 110; Urah Jazz 104, Dallas Mavencks 90; Phoenix Suns 106, Houston Rockais 92: Los Angeles Chippers 109, Saturday: Detroit Pistons 80; Phoenix 50; Houston Rockais 92; Los Angeles Chippers 109; Herit 110; Urah Jazz 104, Dallas Mavencks 90; Phoenix 50m 106, Houston Rockais 92; Los Angeles Chippers 109; Grid 21, Manneytum 20, Chesture Jals 30 (Deni 21); Birmurgham 76 (Korstz 23), Hernel Hempstead 72 (Lews 20, Panovalka 16), Kingston 92 (Saunders 16), Leccester Chy Riders 81 (Vidiciron 19, Brown 17), Trafford Glants 77 (Traswant 25, Johnsbin 22), Thames Valley 82 (Obassal 22, Peed 21), Worthing 125 (Hern 25, Baker 21), Sunderfand 81 (Douglas 25, Nottage 24) Second division: Carderdale 50, Leccester Falcons 80, Chater 170, Stormange 79, Soleent 70, Cheshre Bulls 60; Sedgefield 80, Shefield 73 Woranes: First division: Briston Larly Topicas 62, Ipasach 59 WOMEN'S National Calefold 80, Shefield 73 Woranes: First division: Briston Larly Topicas 62, Ipasach 59 WOMEN'S Nation Action 170, Northampton 76ers 61, Themas Valley 84

SWIMMING

PARIS. World Cup meeting (seventh round) Saturday: Men: 100m meestyle:

1. M Fibbens (Eng), 48.48ee (Commonweath rec); 2, 8. Zkarley (Ger), 48.59.

400m freestyle: 1, A Kasvio (Fin), 3mins at 18sec, 9, Wilson (Eng), 3.52.40 (100m backstroke: 1, M Tewksbury (Can), 53.39sec, 8, A O'Connor (re), 55.68. Som breaststroke: 1. M Warnecke (Ger), 28.10; 2. R Farber (Ger), 28.13; 5, N Gillingham (Eng), 28.59; 10, J McGrath (re), 29.36. 200m breaststroke: 1, A Rozse (Hun), 2mn 10.54eec, 2, Gillingham (Eng), 28.59; 10, J McGrath (re), 29.36. 200m breaststroke: 1, N Rozse (Hun), 2mn 10.54eec, 2, Gillingham, 2:10.55, 4 G O'Toolo (Irol), 211.57. Som butterfly: B Gutzert (Fir), 24.10eec, 200m butterfly: 1, F Esposto (Fr), 1mn 54.67sec (world rec), 2, D Loader (NZ), 1.32.24 (100m Individual medley: 3, F Lefeure (Fr), 55.94sec; 2, D Ward (Can), 56.15, 3, C Keller (Ger), 56.46 (400m individual medley: 1, T Darray (Hun), 4mn 12.11sec, 6 P McGullion (Ulster), 42.94,8 J Fleet (Eng), 4.95.2 Women: 50m treestyle: 1, F Van Almster (Ger), 1.05.37sec, 2, T Jeffs (NZ), 25.54 (20m backstroke: 1, A Semec (NZ), 2mn 07.11sec (world rec), 4, 9 Cool (Eng), 2.10, 2.10 (Eng), 2.10, 2.11 (Eng), 1.11 (E

HOCKEY

PIZZA ECTIES HATIONAL LEAGUE
First division: Bournville 0, Esst
Grinstead 1: Bromley 0, Indian Gymkthena
1: Cannock 4, Lyoris 2; Havani 2,
Firebrands 1: Neston 3, Stourpori 3,
Southgale 1, Sough 2; St. Abans 1,
Teddington 2, Tropans 1, Old
Loughtonians 2; Watton 2, Hourslow 3,
Second division: Bournemouth 1,
Bartord Tigars 1; Brean 1, Chelmsford 1;
Cambridge City 1, Harborne 0; Canterbury 3, Isos 0; Cheltenham 1, Richmond 1;
Formby 2, Gora Court 1; Guddford 1,
Reading 3; Surbton 2, Doncaster 2;
Warrangton 4, Wakefield 0
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Zvidace Anciennas 3, Marcon Parisels
0, Bogner 4, Working 1; Eastoote 1,
Ashtord 0; Farnham 3, Camberley 0; Old
Mc-Whrightians 0, High Wycombe 2,
Orlord Hawke 2, Wolung 0; Staines 1,
Chichester 3; Tumbridge Wales 5, Old
Tauntonians 1; Winchester 0, Old
Bordenans 2 Regionals: Hampshire
and Surrey; Epsom 0, City of Portsmouth
1, Goan 3, Walton 0; Matropositus Police
2, Orshott 0, NatWest Bank 1, Fieet 3, Old
Edwardians 3, Basingstoke 2, Old
Whitightians 4, Hambie 08 0; Oxnod 0,
Piratii 2, Kent, and Sussex; BICC 2,
Toshott 0, NatWest Bank 1, Fieet 3, Old
Edwardians 3, Besingstoke 2, Old
Whitightians 4, Hambie 08 0; Oxnod 0,
Piratii 2, Kent, and Sussex; BICC 2,
Toshott 0, NatWest Bank 1, Fieet 3, Old
Edwardians 3, Besingstoke 2, Old
Williamsonans 1 Horsham 1 Middlesse.
Bertshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire; Amersham 3, OMT 0; Gerrards HOCKEY Berkshire, Buckinghemstire and Ox-fordshire: Amerikan 3. OMT O: Gerrards Cross 0, Wolunghem 3, Hendon, 2 Hayes 1, Mill Hill 1, Merlow 1; NPL 4, Witney 0; Sumbury 5, Aylesbury 0; Windsor 1, Bracknell 4.

ERNST AND YOUNG LEAGUE MID-LANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Beeston 0, Coventry and North Warwork 0; Belper 0, Knelsa 0, Bridghorth 1. Edghaston 1: Leicester Wastlasgh 2 Bioxwich 3; Otton and West Warwick 1. Antifection Bidinwich 3; Otton and West Warwick 1. Northingham 0. NortWich UNION EAST LEAGUE: Prentier division: Bedfordshire Eagles 3, Wabech 2, Blueharts 2, Peterborough Town 2, Bury St Edmunds 0, West Heris 0. Crostyx 1, Norwich Cay 1, Harleston Magpaes 7, Brudbourne 0, Inswich 4, Colchester 0: Petcarus 0, Bishop s Signified 1 (aban).

ERNST AND YOUNG MORTH PREMIERI LEAUUE: Addamy Edge 2, Preston
D: Brooklands 1, Sen Filtydding 0 Desley
O, Sheffield 4; Ramgarha 2, Liverpool 0.
Swalved 2, Durham University 2
Timperley 0, Bowdon 1.
HALPERN AND WOOLF NORTH WEST
LEAGUE: First division: Decade 0.
Oxton 3; Krutzford 4, Cheetham Hit 0
Manchester YMCA 2, Manchester 2.
Soothoort 2, Springfields 0, Prescot 0.
West Derby 1, Wigan 2, Northop Haif 0 REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: St Albano 2. Great Butain 2. WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL LEAGUES: East: Bauleyheath 0, Sevenosits 2 Redtrudge 1, Anchonans 1, Saracens 0 Canterbury 0 North: Springfield 1 Montann 1

FENCING ISLEWORTH: Leon Paul International full tournament: Final: G Paul (Salle Paul) bt D McKenzie (Meadowbank), 53 53 COLCHESTER: British women's epéchampioniship: Final: G Usher (Cotchester and Meadowbank) bt P Thombrison (London) 5-2, 5-3.

RUGBY LEAGUE BILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Widnes 2, St Heisens 10: Doncaster 14, Swinton 4: Setford 6, Wigan 22, Highfield 12, London Crusaders 12, Rochdele 28, Hull 32: Scarborough Pirates 4, Bractions 52: First round replay: Keightey 14, Barrow 14
STOMBS BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Leeds 4, Castleford 18.

SECOND DIVISION: Leigh 18, Cartisle

THIRD DIVISION: Huddersteld 45. Chorley 8. Notkingham City 4. Bramley 34. Bettey 40. Trafford Borough 0

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Wigan 38, Haifax 0

FOOTBALL 7.30 unless stated FA TROPHY: Second round replay: FA TROPHY: Second round replay: Runcom v Kiddemmister (7.45)
BEAZER NOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester v VS Rugby
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Barnsley (7.0). Newcastle v Manchester City (7.0). Sunderland v Bradford (7.0). Second division: Leacester v Notts County (7.0). Stoke v Wolverhampton (7.0). York v Blackpool (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATIONS Chysial Palace / Chelses, Luich V GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier deEuropean-African zone: First round: Group one: Kenya bt Romsna, 3-2 Zone B Hungary lead Potend, 2-1. Norway lead Finland. 2-1. Asts-Oceania zone: Preliminary round: Group one: Phispanes bt Japan 3-2. South Korea bt China. 5-0 Group two: Malaysa bt Jordan 4-1. Sri Lenka bt Bangladesh, 4-1. Thailand bt Singapore, 5-0. Hong King lead Pakistan, 2-1. American zone: First-round: Group one: Cuba bt Paraguey, 3-0 Group two: Venezuels bt Dommacan Republic. 3-0 Peru lead Ecuador, 2-1. Bahames lead Eastern Cantibean, 2-1. Colombia bt Barbados, 3-0 TOKYO: Women's indoor tournal Semi-finals: M Navratiova (US) bit M Maleeva (Bul), 6-2, 6-2, G Sabatini (Arg) bit K Date (Japan), 8-3, 8-0, Final: Sabatini bit AUCKLAND: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: R Whate (US) bt P Thoren (Fat), 6-4, 6-3, A Stmadova (Cq) bt L Savcherko-Netland (Latva), 8-2, 3-8, 6-2 Final: White bt Stmadova, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3

TODAY'S FIXTURES

First division

Bridgend v Neath (7.15) Club match Swansea v Ebbw Vale (7 0) RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Third division: Postponed: Doncaster v Belley.

Heineken Welsh League

OTHER SPORT SQUASH FIACKETS: Pirrm's Premier Conguer SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (Wemblev)

MEGEVE, France: Man's World Curp: Super-glant stationt: 1, P Accola (Switz), Innn 28.85sec; 2, M Hangi (Switz), 129.09, 3, F Heinzer (Switz), 129.18; 4, G Mader (Austria), 129.28, 5, O Funseth (Nor), 129.46; equal 6, J Thorsen (Nor) and M Gimethic (Lind), 129.58; 8, Aamodi (Nor), 129.50; 9, F Piccard (Fr), 1.29.53; 10, D Mahrer (Switz), 1.29.74.

8T GERVAIS, France: Men's World Cup: Glant stalon:: 1, D Mariesten (Nor), 2min 43.32sec; 2, A Tombe (tit, 243.59; 3, M Wasmeier (Ger), 244.02, 4, D C Furuseth (Nor), 244.34, 5, H Pieren (Switz), 244.53; 6, M Grandelli (Lux), 246.55; 7, K Asmort (Nor), 244.81; 8, F Nyberg (Swe), 244.93; 9, R Selzberger (Austria), 245.25; 10, C Mayer (Austria), 245.25; 10, C Mayer (Austria), 245.25; 10, C Mayer (Austria), 345.35; Furuseth, 285. Overall: 1, P Accola (Switz), 1,370; 2, Tombe, 1,140; 3, Girardelli, 790; 4, Furuseth, 754; 5, Fidenzer (Switz), 622; 8, M Wasmeier (Ger), S81. Nations Cup (after men's gant stalom in St Gervale and women's stalom in St Gervale and stalom in St

GRINDELWALD, Switzertand: Women's World Cup: Downhill: 1, 5 Ginther (Austria), 1min 48.72sec; 2, M Vogt (Ger), 1:50.89; 3, C Bournassen (Switz), 1:51 14; 4, fi. Hacusi (Ger), 1:51.36; 5, F Knoberger (Austria), 1:51.36; 5, F Knoberger (Austria), 1:51.70; 8, K Seizinger (Ger), 1:51.81; equal 9, A Triponez (Switz) and S Gizdithines (CSS), 1.51.63, Sialom: 1, M Malerholer (Austria), 1:51.71; 7, A Loedemel (TS-1.81; equal 9, A Triponez (Switz) and S Gizdithines (CSS), 1.51.63, Sialom: 1, M Malerholer (Austria), 1:14.87; 3, A Coberger (NZ), 1:14.48; 4, C Strobi (Austria), 1:14.87; 6, U Hrovat (Slovenia), 1:15.27; 7, A Wachter (NZ), 1:14.48; 4, C Strobi (Austria), 1:15.86; 9, Ginther, 1:15.86; 00, C on Gruenigen (Switz), 1:15.86; Combined: 1, Sinther, 14.25; 5t; 2, Kronberger, 31.35; 3, Vogt. 44.28; 4, Wachter, 49.03; 5, Heausi, 59.5; 10, B. Bournassen, 80.94; 7, M Galizio (II), 89.30; 8, N Bokal (Slovenia), 63.03; 9, H Zubringen (Switz), 72.05; 10, A Loedemed (No.), 79.74 World Cup positions: Downhill: 1, Saulinger, 363;ous: Downhill: 1, Saulinge

HINDELANG, Germany: World Cup freestyle event: Men: Moguis; 1, E Grospinon (Fn, 27.14pts; 2, 4). Bressard (Can). 25 73; 3, F Encksson (Swe), 25 08. World Cup leaders: 1, Grospinon, 146, 2. Bressard, 143; 3, O Allement (Fr), 136. Asrisks: 1, Pluroche (Can), 229.70; 2, J-M Bacquin (Fn), 220 40; 3, N Fontente (Can), 217 33 Women: Moguis: 1, D Wembrecht (US), 24 96; 2, S Hartested (Non), 23.90; 3, T Mittermayer (Gen), 23 43 World Cup leaders: 1, Wembrecht, 72 2, Hattested, 82, 3, R Monod (Fr), 53 Aeriats: 1, L. Chenszovics (Pusere), 165.75; 2, K Marshall (Aus), 165.57, 3, C Brand (Switz), 164.36, 9, J Curry (GB), 139.68

SWINDON: Inter-county championship finals: Men: Yorkshire bt Surrey, 3-2

March.
COUNTY MATCHES: Surrey 153, Hert-fordshire 107; Middlesex 165, Bucking-hamshire 143.

NOTTINGHAM: British student statom championships: Saturday: Teams: Men's K1: Nothinghem University (A Kirk, S Crook, J Cordon), 3min 07.81eec. Women's mixed C1/C2/K: Nothingham University (L Simpson, S Twigger, S Wilson) 4:38 54. Yesterday: Individuals: Men: K1: K Campbell (Nottingham Poty), 2:29:25. K2: S Twigger and A Kirk (Nottingham Univ.), 3:14.00. C1: A Hall (Ledds Univ.), 2:51.13 Women: K1: L Simpson (Nottingham Univ.), 2:45.00.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Buffato Sabres 5, Montreal Caractiens 3; New Jersey Devits B, Detroit Rad Wings 3; Quebec Nordiques 4, Winnupeg Jets 4: Edmonton Oilers 4, Hentford Whatelas 1. Saturday: New York Rangers 2, Minnesota North Stars 1; Philadelphia Plyers 5, New York Islanders 5; Buffato Sabres 2, Boston Brusta 2: Prittaburgh Penguins 4, St Louis Blues 1; Wastengton Capitals 5, Calgary Flames 2; Montreal Canadiens 4, Detroit Red Wings 3: Toronto Maple Leafa 6, New Jorsey Devils 4; Hartford Whaters 4, Vancouver Canucks 4, Los Angeles Kings 2, Chicago Blackhawks 0 CRICKET

78, 1 Water by P. Wester by Paterian 57-5.
SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Sydney: South Australia 282 and 152-7; New South Wates 488 (M Waugh 158, T Baylica 133). RED STRIPE CUP: Bridgetown: Windward islands 379 (D Joseph 61); Barbados 219-2 (D Haynes 117 not out, P Wellace 65). Kingston: Leeward Islands 389 (K Arthurton 117, L Hamis 85); Jamesca 190-4 (R Samuels 57 not out). Point-a-Pierre: Trailadel and Tobago 358 (P Simmons 202); Guyana 169-4. PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa: Nissan Shield: Final (55 overs): Eastern Province 120; Grange Free State 124-4. Orange Free State won by 6 wkts.

ROUNDHAY PARIK, Leeds: World cy-clo-cross championships: Amateurs: 1. D Pontoni (a), 50min 56eec; 2. D Runkel (Switz), at 46eec; 3. T Frischlanecht (Switz), at 1min 06eec, British: 38, R Trackray, at 6:51; 42, D Brooker, at 7:39; 44, S Marshad, at 8:05; 52, C Thompson. at 1 kep Juniors: 1. R Hammond (GB), 38min 10sec; 2, V Bachlede (CZ), at 21sec; 3. J Faltynek (CZ), at 50. Profes-sionals: 1. M Kluge (Ger), 1hr 04min 36sec; 2, K Camrda (CZ), at 18sec; 3, A van der Poel (Neth), at 53, British: 9, D Baker, at 1min 40sec; 25, S Douce, at 427: 26. C Yound, at 521; 28, N Crao, at 427: 26. C Yound, at 521; 28, N Crao, at 641
COPENHAGEN: Sox-day race: Leaders after two days: 1, J Veggerby (Den) and P Bincoletto (III), 125pts, 2, D Clark (Aus) and U Freuter (Switz), 116; 3, B Holenweger and W Stutz (Switz), at 1 kp, 90

## Gooch leads England from front

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN AUCKLAND

IT WAS early in 1979, 13 years ago, when England last won four successive Test matches and, coincidentally, when New Zealand last lost a home series. Graham Gooch and his side were last night on the brink of updating a lot of history.

The Auckland Test, played on an accident black spot of a pitch, limped into its fifth day barely alive. New Zealand still required 180 runs; more realistically, England needed the two remaining wickets for an impregnable 2-0 lead, with only Thursday's final Test in Wellington to come.

Ted Dexter, who arrives here later this week in his role as chairman of the England committee, was the last England captain to be in such a happy position in New Zealand. His 1963 touring side won all three Tests: since then, England had managed only three wins from 16 Tests here, until Gooch set about restating his facility for get-ting the best out of the most

unpromising scenarios.
Winning, he will often repeat, is a habit, and the cliche does not alter the truth of it. Not since Mike Brearley have England had such a prolific winner in charge and, when Brearley led the side to victory in the last three Tests of the 1978-9 Australian tour, and the first of the following sum-mer against India, Gooch was ever-present, a young man learning at the maestro's

Gooch has consistently derided the notion that this Test series could in any sense be belittled as merely a warm-up for the World Cup. Now, he has proved his point, masterminding England's com-mand of two very different

The win in Christchurch was based on stamina, on gradually breaking down the solid barn door of an unresponsive pitch and then piling spectacularly through. Here at Eden Park, the bowlers have been befriended by conditions from first ball to last. and England had to emphasise their superiority by recovering from a dreadful start.

Typically, it was Gooch himself who put New Zealand out of the game with a century that may not have

New Zealand won tosa

Thrown out by bowler
A J Stewart c Parora b Su'a

Fenced to guily

D R Pringle lbw b Cairns .....

Extras (b 6, lb 16, nb 2)

Total (418min, 98.4 overs) .

P A J DeFreites & Wright b Morrison .....

Glancing down leg aide G.A. Hick low b Su's .....

been one of his most memorable, but was certainly among his most resolute. Nobody in the game had scored a fifty when he went in to open England's second innings on Saturday and, for more than an hour, nothing seemed likely to change.

Stewart and Hick went cheaply, while Gooch, for the first time on tour, was playing like a man short of confidence rather than just short of runs. Morrison beat him time and again ourside the off stump. his feet were not working properly, and his bat was not coming down straight. Geoffrey Boycott, to whom Gooch turns so often for technical advice, described him as nervy and anxious".

His first 50 took three hours. He had faced 133 balls, exactly 100 more than Allan Lamb required for his thrilling half-century, high on risk but calculating in its counter-attacking. By the time Lamb left, Gooch was himself again, dismissing the bad balls with certainty. The two hours between lunch and tea produced 138 runs, and crushed New Zealand's

Gooch, having gone from 50 to 100 in little more than an hour, was run out by an over-eager Reeve before the close, and yesterday morning England lost their last four wickets for two runs in consecutive overs.

Enough happened during this flurry of activity to reassure Gooch that the pitch had not suddenly developed a con-science. The thrust of its malice had altered, however, for, while the ball was no longer deviating sideways so extrav-



Lamb: calculated risk

ENGLAND: First Innings 203 (D R Pringle 41; C L Cairns 6 for 52).

Second innings

(Darrents)
BOWLING: Morrison 21.4-6-86-2 (1 nb) (5-3-7-0, 2-0-4-0, 4-2-17-1, 4-1-20-0, 6-4-0-18-1); Calims 19-6-86-2 (4-2-6-0, 2-0-17-0, 6-1-39-0, 1-1-0-0, 6-2-24-2); Wattern 26-10-58-1 (1 nb) (7-1-2-4-0, 5-1-20-0, 2-1-3-0, 12-7-12-1); Su'a 10-3-43-2 (5-2-16-2, 2-0-7-0, 3-1-20-0); Patel 22-7-43-1 (one spet).

agantly, it had now developed a crazy variation in bounce which was a danger to body

The notional target of 383, in a minimum 167 overs, looked even more remote for New Zealand when, even before lunch, the scoreboard read seven for three.

Hartland and Wright had both gone for nought, so five wickets had now fallen without a run being scored. This has previously occurred only once in a Test match; small consolation to Hartland, who was completing a pair, or Wright, who left with a tortured expression after being leg-before to one which hit him no higher than the shin.

Jones went in a similar way. though this time the ball did not rise above his ankle, and when DeFreitas, who had taken two of the wickets, began after lunch with an over which included two shooters and one which flew viciously from a length, the odds were not long against New Zealand surrendering They were helped by just

about the one thing Gooch ms unable to do at present. which is to hold a catch. He put down Rutherford off De-Freitas at third slip, his second miss of the match and his seventh of the tour. The fourth-wicket stand survived a further ten overs, and had added 70 before Rutherford was finally out to Pringle.

Five were down at tea. Turnell snaring Patel with a slower ball, and Crowe's brave 56, made at some cost to his body, ended with the second ball afterwards. It was another which took off unpleasantly, flicking the shoulder of the bat on its way to

better than in the first innings, DeFreitss lapsed into bad old ways before the close. Cairns and Parore had gone down fighting, but England had ten overs at the ninthwicket pair of Su'a and Morrison. DeFreitas and Lewis wasted a number of them with some senseless shortpitched bowling and Gooch, again declining to use Reeve. employed spin at both ends as Su'a, unexpectedly stylish, de-prived England of a day off.

Cut long hop to cover M D Crowe c Hick b Lewis ....

D K Morrison Ibw b Lawis .... Besten playing half-forward W Watson b Lewis .....

Edged to second slip R Rutherford c Ryssell b DeFrence

**NEW ZEALAND: First Innings** 

Wright (5) relired hurt at 18-1 (10 overs) and returned at 91-3 (41 overs).



Pulling power: Gooch hits Cairns to the boundary on the way to his century SOOREBOARD FROM EDEM PARK AUCKLAND

B R Hardand a Russell b Definition

Besten by break-back
M D Crown c Lamb b DeFroites
Sogod to first stip
KR Rutherford c Stewart b Pringle
Protect o short leg
D N Patel c and b Turnel

Sestor in the flight
C L Calms c Russell b Tutnell
Edged ball that turned and bounced
†A C Parore low b Lawls

Total (8 wids, 282min, 70 overs)

Solped leg-culter
J G Wright the b Lewis .....
Played back to shooter
A H Jones tow p DeFreites

## Chirkpar 16-1 for Champion after shock win

CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

CHIRKPAR'S Champion Hurdle odds were dramatically cut from 50-1 to 16-1 by William Hill after his shock victory in the Paschal Butler Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on Saturday.

But those who have already invested in Morley Street repeating last year's Cheltenham success need not despair. He was on the wrong end of a short-head decision. but four plausible excuses were offered on his behalf.

Firstly, it was his first race since November, secondly, he had been deprived of an important piece of homework, thirdly, he went the long way round to challenge and, final-ly, he found himself in front a shade early when Minorettes Girl made her only mistake at the final flight.
Michael Jackson, Morley

Street's owner, said afterwards: "He may go straight to Cheltenham, but should Toby Balding and myself de-cide to run him again, it will be at either Newbury or Warwick."

This was the second successive year that Jim Bolger has upset a strong British challenge in this race. Bolger, recovering from a severe bout of influenza, confirmed that Chirkpar would go straight to Cheltenham for the Champion Hurdle, which is sponsored by the winning owner, Michael Smurfit. "We had thought that two

miles would be a little short for him," he said. "But this has proved that if with a good pace, he will not be troubled. Happily, the going at Cheltenham will not affect him as he acts on anything."
Minorettes Girl showed

that she has made a good recovery from a throat infec-tion, and she enters the Champion Hurdle betting at She is, however, not a certain runner as her trainer, Paddy Mullins, will also enter

her for the Stayers' Hurdle.

halfway, was beaten a total of five lengths into fourth place. while Royal Derbi, after setting the pace, faded once they had reached the straight.

**BIG-RACE RESULT** 

An even bigger disappointment was Destriero, who ran second for a long way but was beaten before the second-last hurdle. It seems highly improbable that he will run in the Champion hurdle.

General Idea, also owned by Dr Smurfit, retained his unbeaten record over fences in the Baileys Arkle Cup. He already had the issue sewn up when Classical Charm fell at the last.

General Idea will be back to Leopardstown on Sunday week and, if the ground is good, the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham will be hi

Garamycin, pulled up in the Black & White Whisky Champion Chase at Christmas, made that performance even harder to comprehend with a stylish three-and-a-half length win under top weight of 12 stone in the Harold Clarke Leopardstown Chase



## Poppets Pet helps to lighten gloom

SPECTATOR sport it was not, but the new point-topointing season got under-way in thick fog at Tweseldown for the Staff College and RMA Drag Hunt meeting on Saturday. After a delay of one hour, racing went ahead with a maximum of two fences able to be seen from any position.

It was equally difficult to find out what was running, who was riding and whether any overweight was carried. In trying to emulate Happy Valley with technological wizardry, traditional number boards had been replaced by a five-foot square screen, from

which meaningful information flashed rarely. In the hunt race, the fiveyear-old Poppets Pet set off at a rare pace. He was soon almost out of sight of his pursuers and, to the surprise of his owner-rider, David Line, and the delight of the bookmakers, was not caught,

winning by 20 lengths. A gamble was foiled in the mixed open when Seven Of Diamonds (Robert Alner) fell at the balfway stage. The event rider Jane Enderby. having an unfortunate first point-to-point ride, on Cheadle Green, was concussed after falling independently at the same fence. With little left to beat, the race went to the former Toby Balding hurdler, Kamadoor.

ridden by John Cambidge. The luckiest winner of the afternoon, however, was Post House for owner-rider Christopher Jowett in division two of the intermediate. He was fifth, about 40 lengths behind the leading duo, Brave Remark and Binkley, when they collided on landing over the last, leaving two tired horses, Fourcees and Familiar Friend, to be passed by the

winner on the run-in. The decision of the Jockey Club to regard confined restricted races as confined rather than restricted is extraordinary. By definition, such a race is lower in the hierarchy of races than the restricted open.

Much confusion will ensue for owners and receivers of entries as winners of such races cannot then compete in any other restricted.

It is not too late for a change of heart and for winners of a restricted, (whether open, confined or dub) to carry a 71b penalty on a subsequent appearance in that class of race.

#### Results from three meetings

NORTH CORNWALL (Wadebridge): Hunt: 1, Sallyeden (P Schoffield, 1-5 fav); 4 ran, finlaned alone. Open: Midnight Madness (F Daries, 5-2 Hebr); 2, Perselly Double; 3, Polories. 7 ran. Ledies: 1, Roving Glein (Miss L. Blackford, 5-4 fav); 2, Justinewayyouane; 3, Only For Love. 7 ran. Rest: 1. Win Electric (W Henderson, 8-1); 2, Golden Mick; 3, Kingamil Imp. 5 ran. Conflined: 1, Eliterandem (B Halfersman, 5-1); 2, Mareth Line; 3, Bishopric, 6 ran. Inter: 1, Sea Member (M Feitzn, 6-1); 2, Pai Sevel; 3, Straight Bat; 5 ran. Midni I: 1, Big Order (Mass S Sacider, 2-1); 2, Parist; 3, Old Road; 9 ran. Midni I: 1, Stoke Hand (Mass S Young, 6-1); 2, Phiston Cove; 3, Electress 9 ran.
NORTH NORFOLK (Higham): Hunt: 1, NORTH NORFOLK (Highem): Hunt: 1, Bertie Boy (W Wales, 1-3 rav); 2, Gold Valley, 3, Owen Sherry, 3 ran. Mdn t: 1, Mend (S Cowell, 4-5 rav); 2, Little Bryma; 3, Terry's Pet. 7 ran. Mdn It: 1, Eden's

1. Federal Trooper (T McCarthy, 4-5 fav) 2. Sparlan Sprite: 3. Spaculation; 01 popular Confilence: 1. Jimmy Shand (W Sperborg 7-1): 2. So late: 3. Bottle Bank: 12 fan Ledies: 1. Stitsted Park (Art J Cowson, 5 4 fan): 2. Fort Hall; 3. Mountain Crash 8 fan: PPOA: 1. Deforate: (M Westwood, 16-1): 2. Marrier Nico; 3. Hyperwssin: 13

## Black Tie Affair top

BLACK Tie Affair, winner of the 1991 Breeders' Cup Classic and six other stakes races, was named 1991 Horse of the Year in the annual Eclipse awards, announced on Sat-

The five-year-old earned nearly \$2.5 million during

the year. The son of Miswaki. who has 18 career victories, has been retired to stud in Lexington, Kentucky. Dance Smartly and Arazi,

their respective divisions. Dance Smartly, winner of the Canadian triple crown and the Breeders' Cup Distaff, was named champion

three-year-old filly. Arazi, who thrilled the crowd at Churchill Downs with his victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, was voted champion two-year-old colt The Preakness and Bd-

mont Stakes winner Hansel was named the champion the two other finalists, won three-year-old colt.

#### Sri Lanka pick the old guard

Colombo: Sri Lanka's selectors have opted for experience in announcing their 14-man squad for the World Cup that starts later this month.

The entire squad, led by Aravinda de Silva, was involved in the recent tour of Pakistan, where Sri Lanka lost the three-match Test series I-0 and the one-day The two most experienced

players in the party, the former captain, Arjuna Ranatunga, and the fast bowler, Rumesh Ramayake, will be required to pass fitness tests before the side leaves on February 10. The pair, who have played

165 one-day internationals between them, returned home early from Pakistan because of injury. (Reuter)

SOLIAD: P A de Sava (ceptain), A P Gurusinha (vice-captain), R S Mehanama, U C Hatthurusingha, M A R Samartasekera, A Ranatunga, B T Jayasuniya, H P Tillekeratue, R J Pethrayake, H C P Ramansyake, K I W Wijegunewardena, S D Anunsahi, G P Wickremasinghe, R S Kalmana

☐ Napier. New Zealand: An innings of 153 not out by the England opener, Wendy Watson, took England to a first-innings total of 247 for 6 declared in a three-day match against a New Zealand under-23 side. (AFP) SCORES: England 247-6 dec (W Watson 153 not out), New Zeeland Under-23 30-1.

## Bowlers leave India on the back foot

MORE heavily armed at the point where it matters most in Perth - in fast bowling, that is - Australia carne to the end of the second day of the fifth Test match with things going very much their way. In reply to Australia's first innings total of 346. India were 135

Like England on the same ground a year ago, India had let Australia get away. They had them at 21 for two in the first hour of the game, which would have been 29 for three had Boon been caught by Tendulkar in the gully, a sharp chance straight into his chest. Boon, as he would, went on to his third hundred of the series, and India became thoroughly confused as to the best length to bowl.

Relying on swing more than lift and speed, they like to pitch the ball up, which is not the way to make the most of a pitch as traditionally bouncy as this one. The longer Australia batted, the more half-volleys they received. When it was Australia's turn to bowl, there were none. McDermott, especially, and the corpulent Hughes, set a severe examination. Because Tendulkar passed it with credit and Manjrekar did well, India have already near-



odds are stacked against them.

It was not, as expected, Kapil Dev who entered the record books yesterday by taking his 400th Test wicket (he got stuck on 399), but Srikkanth, who did so by holding five catches in Australia's innings. No fielder, as distinct from wicketkeeper, has taken more in a Test innings, and only Victor Richardson, Yajurvindra Singh and Azharuddin as many. Srikkanth took three at short leg, one at silly midoff and the last at short midwicket. Yajurvindra's were all ly saved the follow-on, but the at short leg off the Indian

On the run: Kapil Dev cannot prevent Boon from scoring another boundary spinners, and Richardson's at average of 24.5. However, he slip or gully off the turning leg

> O'Reilly. After batting with exaggerated caution on Saturday (224 for four in 90 overs), the Australians got more of a move on yesterday, adding 124 more runs in 35.5 overs. They played as though keen to be bowling in case the pitch should lose pace. Boon and Jones continued to have contrasting fortunes. For the second consecutive home series Boon has topped 500 runs, at an average of 80. Jones, poor fellow, has made only 588 in his last 25 Test innings at an

did hold a wonderful carch yesterday evening, diving to breaks of Grimmett and his left at third slip.

> Australian batsmen was Moody. He is so tall and so quick to get onto the front foot that the Indians had particular problems finding the right length to bowl at him. He kept hammering them down the ground. Whether, with his enormous height, he will be able to get out of the way of the West Indian fast bowlers remains to be seen; but he has already justified his selection for this match.

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D G Boon e Sidnis b Prabhakar 307
"A R Border o Sriduam's b Kapil Dav 59
D M Jones o Sriduam's b Roju 59
T M Moody o Vergeariar b Prabhakar 50
If A Healy o More b Srinoti 3
M G Hughes o Sriduam's b Sinash 24
P R Reithal o More b Prabhakar 31
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Total 348 Much the most free of the

BOWLING: DeFreitze 228578 (125-27-2, 3-1-10-1, 52-120, 2080); Lewis 23 2-77-2 (11 nb) (9-1-30-1, 50-21-0, 205-0, 10-8-0, 6-1-15-1); Pringle 7-2-23-1 (2-1-2 0, 4-1-13-1, 1-0-8-0); Tufnell 17-5-45-2 (3-1-7-1, 30-9-0, 9-2-23-1, 2-2-0); Hick 1-1-

have had in the field was soon

more than cancelled out

when they batted. For two

hours the engaging Srik-kanth bore a charmed life

until his umpteenth mistimed

hook went to hand. Jones's

catch followed, then another at slip to get rid of Veng-sarkar, and the fifth of the

match at the wicket when

Azharuddin threw his bat at

something short, high and

wide. But if ever there was as

good an 18-year-old as Ten-

dulkar, he, too, must have

been a prodigy.

Total 346
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-21, 3-138, 4
146, 5-232, 6-258, 7-230, 8-303, 5-338, 4
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Well Wrapped has plenty of scope WELL Wrapped, described by trainer Henrietta Knight as "the apple of my eye", can continue his steeplechasing education by winning the Arundel Novices Chase at Fontwell this afternoon.

His first two runs this season suggested that he had plenty of ability - despite running out on the second occasion - and he confirmed the impression with a clearcut 12 lengths win over this course and distance last

He carries a 6lb penalty but the extra weight should not be beyond his compass. Although an eight-year-old, he is only lightly raced and should still have plenty of scope for improvement, and he has, for the most part,

MANDARIN

2.00 Blueberry King.

3.00 Well Wrapped.

3.30 Capability Brown. 4.00 Bonsai Bud.

4.30 Here He Comes.

GOING: GOOD

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THUNDERER

2.00 Blueberry King. 2.30 Almost A Princess. 3.00 Well Wrapped.

3.30 Pashto. 4.00 BONSAI BUD (nap).

2.00 CLIMPING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CHASE (\$2,057; 2m 4f) (9 runners)

31PP-P2 SECRET RITE 28 (C.G.S) (Mass C Zeiter) J Gifford 9-11-3 P Hide 88-10-253 UNIQUE NEW YORK 35 (B.S) (Miss S Jemeson) 3 Woodman 9-11-5 M A Rizgerald 91 043440 DANDY MINSTREL 16 (D.F.G.S) (Mindrush Racing) E Wheeler 8-10-13 J Ryan 50 1/32432 FOLK DANCE 34 (V.D.F.G.S) (RRS Owners Group) G Baiding 10-10-19 A Maguire 81-10-10 J Neaves 51-1356/5 BILICEBERRY KING 29 (F.G.S) (Pel-mett Partners) A Turnet 9-10-10 D Fortt (4) 00//D/P ENBYAR DAN 18 (C Clerka) Miss P O'Cornor 18-10-10 R Farmer (4) P/54-544 PUICKA MAJOR 13 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs S Thomson Jones) T Thomson Jones 11-10-10 G Rows 6 89 PO-67F5 WINNING DANCER 21 (S) (C Bedser) Miss L Bower 9-10-10 M Loughrans (4) 80 TIMING 2 Nutries 11-14 Bits Dance Miss L Bower 8 14 December 11-14 Bits Dance M Secret 11-10-10 C Rows 6 89 TIMING 2 Nutries 11-14 Bits Dance M Secret 11-10-10 C Rows 6 89 TIMING 2 Nutries 11-14 Bits Dance M Secret 11-10-10 C Rows 6 89 TIMING 2 Nutries 11-14 Bits Dance M Secret 11-10-10 C Rows 6 89 TIMING 2 Nutries 11-14 Bits Dance M Secret 11-10-10 C Rows 6 89 TIMING 2 Nutries 11-10-10 C Rows 11-10-10 C Rows 6 89 TIMING 2 Nutries 11-10-10 C Rows 11-10-10 C Rows 6 89 TIMING 2 Nutries 11-10-10 C Rows 11-10-10 C Rows 6 89 TIMING 2 Nutries 11-10-10

BETTING: 7-4 Pukks Major, 11-4 Folk Dence, 4-1 Blueberry King, 8-1 Secret Rite, 8-1 Unique New York, 18-1 Winning Dencer, 20-1 others.

1991: MEETING ABANDONED — PROST

FORM FOCUS

SECRET RITE 2nd beaten 20t by Moze Tidy (nec 19b) at Plumpton (2m 4f, good). URIGUE NEW 31i by Hangover (levels) at Wolverhampton (2m nov YORK 3rd beaten 22 by Ceitic Hamlet (nec 216b) here (3m 2f, good). PUKKA MAJOR 4th beaten 20'81 by Forens Birthday (nec 216b) at Chapertow (2m 4f, good). Winning DANCE 2nd, was later degualified, beaten 4th by Massang Man (nec 8tb) at Plumpton (3m 1f, good). Winning DANCER 5th beaten 21'81 by Wall Wall Was a useful chaser in the Selection: FOLK DANCE

SETTING: 9-4 Belling Belling, 7-2 Tanfirlon Bay, 4-1 Almost A Princess, 5-1 Metal Classus, 5-1 Across The Card, 10-17-resumg, 12-1 Whilipers Delight, 14-1 Samerseuting, Green's Thorburn, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

PREEZING 2nd beaten 7i by Texas Clarous (nd )
\$10) at Lingfield (2m 4f, standard), WhitPPERS DisLIGHT 6th beaten 60 by Carbbean Prince (no 7ib)
with FAST RUN (levels) at 15 st Neurion Abbot
(2m 150yd, good to soft).
ACROSS THE CARD out-diseased when 11th of 17
to Kashan (levels) at Window (2m nov India, good),
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1 C-3R1 WELL WRAPPED 21 (CD,8) (Lord Chelses) Miss H Kright 8-11-10 J Osborne 95
2 240P43 ELEGANT STRANGER 74 (F,G,5) (B Betts) M Tompkins 7-11-4 94
3 100-438 IVORS GUEST 14 (V,F,5) (kirs E Hitchins) R Lee 8-11-4 J Freet 16
4 1801/J3 LYPHENTO 20 (G,S) (Palsonil Pariners) J Gifford 8-11-4 D Murphy 9 88
5 80/J386 MARK KY9O 20 (Mrs I Kerman) R O'Sulfiven 8-11-4 D O'Sulfiven (8) 9
6 PU3PF4 MOUNT EATON FOX 17 (Miss 3 French) Miss J French 9-11-4 Miss S French 18
7 246-P43 SHARPFORD 34 (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 7-11-4 Miss S French 18
8 //0PPP-P THE CHAUFFEUR 20 (S) (B M Enterprises Ltd) Miss L Bower 10-11-4 H Jentims 9
9 P ULTRASON IV 82 (H Jost) A Turnel 8-11-4 Miss L Bower 10-11-4 H Jentims 9
10 3534/P5 WHITSHIRE YEOMAN 21 (G,S) (E Penry) P Hayward 12-11-4 A Maguire 82
11 124/005 RICHARDS KATE 324 (B) (S Tindel) M Bracistock 8-10-13 P Hoisey 18
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BETTING: 5-4 Wall Wrapped, 11-4 Lyphento, 4-1 Ivons Goest, 5-1 Begant Stranger, 12-1 Mark Kybo, 14-1 Mount Enter Pox, 16-1 Sharpford, 25-1 others.

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DETTING. 8-12 Bounden Duly, 8-1 Fogar, Golden Fare, 8-1 Arderoney Chief, 12-1 Cell Me Early, 16-1 Sharp-gun, 20-1 Bumphous Boy, 25-1 others

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(Only qualifiers)

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MORS GUEST 3rd bester: 15 by The Skywhacker (gave 5b) at Lelcaster (2m 4f, good). LYPHSNTO returned efter a three year break when 3rd besten 22b by Ambassador (sevels) at Folkestone (2m, good to soft). SHARPFORD 3rd besten 31½ by Maple Dencer (gave 5b) at Plumpton (2m, good). Selection: WELL WRAPPED

Miss H Knight
M Pipe
P Hobbs
A Devisor
J Gifford
R Aleshurst

3.00 ARUNDEL NOVICES CHASE (\$2,201: 2m 4f) (11 rutinets)

WELL WRAPPED came home in good style when beating Greenhils Pride (gave 48b) 12 hers (2m 44, good to soft). ELEGANT STRANGER 3rd beating 12 by Altinor Rex (levels) at Lingfeld (2m, good), earlier 4th beaten 12 by Weish Berd (levels) with IVORS GUEST (levels) 3rd beaten 10 at Wolverhampton (2m, good).

2.30 PAGHAM SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,446; 2m 2f) (13 runners)

chases so far.

Lyphento is the likely danger. He returned from a twoand-a-half year absence to run a good third to Ambassador at Folkestone last month and certainly looks to have a novice chase in him, but the progressive Well Wrapped might just be too sharp for

Miss Knight runs the top weight, Golden Celtic, in the Bet With The Tote Handicap Hurdle but the eight-yearold, who has been chasing, is passed over in favour of the specialist hurdlers.

The consistent Pashto should again give a good account of himself but I prefer the Martin Pipe-trained Capability Brown. He won two handicaps at Chepstow before being well beaten at Newbury, a reverse which came when he stepped up to... three miles. It was noticeable that he did not hurdle with

his usual skill and this return

to a shorter trip should suit The Bognor Regis Handicap Chase is a notably competitive event in which several can be given a sound chance. The highly-regarded Calabrese steps up from eye-catching wins against novices, but he could represent poor value:

and I feel he is worth opposing. Fence Judge got it right when winning at Wincanton

RICHARD EVANS

4.30 Here He Comes.

last time but is not always the most fluent of jumpers, while Mister Ed has no easy task under top weight.

The answer could be Bonsai Bud, a proven staver who was running over two-and-ahalf miles — a distance much too short for him - when fifth to Eastshaw at Ludlow last month. He will be sharper for that run and will make a bold bid over this longer trip.

However, for the nap I go to Wolverhampton and Va Late in the Beckbury Claiming Hurdle. He followed up a good fourth to Easy Buck in a

Wincanton handicap by win-. ning a claimer at Taunton, and has since run another race in better company when third to the multiple winner

SOLDEN CELTIC, reverts to hurdles after a two year break, 4th beaten 63 by The Bywhalcher (rea 5th) at Leicaster (2m 4f chase, good).

(AKE TERREEN 6th beaten 17/21 by Weishman (rec 22b) with JAILBREAKER (rec 18b) 5th beaten 171 at Kempton (2m 4f, good to firm); earlier JAILBREAKER showed better when beating Fortunes Wood (rec 18b) 2f at Newton Abbot (2m 5f

3.30 BET WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,915; 2m 6f) (7 runners)

1 14-F214 GOLDEN CELTIC 27 (D.BF.G.S) (Ars H Brown) Mise N Knight 8-11-10 J Osborne
2 13-2416 LAKE TEERDEN 16 (F.G.S) (Ars A Grantham) R Rowe 7-11-2 T Grantham
3 122-115 CAPABILITY BROWN 35 (BF.F.S) (D Lewis) M Pipe 5-10-9 P Scudamore
4 100-313 PABHTO 16 (BF.S) (R Tooth) N Henderson 5-10-8 J Kavanegh
5 2-0433 PIBHTINS WORDS 14 (S) (Pel-mel Parthers) J Giltord 6-10-7 D Murphy
6 10F/S3-P ENBORNE LAD 13 (G,S) (Witch Racing Club) G Enright 8-10-1 R Moore (7)
7 81-4215 JAILBREAKER 18 (G) (P Toeth) B Millionn 5-10-0 W McFarland

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BETTRIC: 5-2 Reshtb, 17-4 Lake Terreen, Capability Brown, 6-1 Jeithreater, 6-1 Golden Catilo, 10-1 Pighting
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12 06 SYDNEY BARRY 36 (P Janes) R Bockler 7-11-3 J White
13 0003/ TELL YOU WHAT 846 (F Deeb) T Cleary 7-11-3 J White
14 34 VITAL CLUE 31 (BP) (A Peiros) R O'Sullivan 5-11-3 D O'Tarren (T) 86
15 4/22/80- YEOMAN METRO 327 (bits H Alward) J Gifford 5-11-3 D Marphy
16 APSIMORE 57F (T TUCK) J TUCK 5-10-12 M Richards
17 LARCH BMASE GIRL 1297P (bits N Berry). Miss N Berry 7-10-12 W Invites
18 44 POPPY CHARM 28 (bits M O'Shea) R Curts 5-10-12 D Morris
19 BUSTINO BAY 118F (P Sheehard) D Shew 4-10-7 J Kovernagh
20 06 MISTER MAJOR 17 (B Keey) G Beiding 4-10-7 R Guest 89

BETTING: 8-4 Woodurather, 2-1 Here He Comes, 5-1 Yeomen Metro, 12-1 Always Ready, 14-1 Mister Major, Top Down, Vital Clus, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

WOODURATHER 8th of 13 to Traviscio (levels) at Kempton (2m, good); serier best Bas De Laine (rec 5tb) 2 at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, good). HERE HE COMES best Kayask gave 3b) 15 at Pampton (2m, good). TIPP DOWN best Canoscian (gave 2b) by 6 at Folksone (2m 100yd, good to coft). CARLLESS KISS best PREDESTINE (rec 7b) at Townsester (2m, good to coft). CARLLESS KISS best PREDESTINE (rec 7b) at Townsester (2m, good to acit). MSTER MAJOR SN best Townsester (2m, good to acit). MSTER MAJOR SN best Townsester (2m, good to acit). MSTER MAJOR SN best Townsester (2m, good to acit).

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3.10 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

(4-Y-O: £1,387: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 Peatswood, 3-1 Snowy Lane, 7-2 Signor Sassie, 6-1 Fight To Win, 12-1 Petcelou, Rader Knight, 14-1 Wotermore, 20-1 others

**JOCKEYS** 

G Bradley W McFarland J Frost A Maguire D Murphy D Morris

4.30 CHICHESTER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,166: 2m 2f) (20 runners)

Tiger Claw, also at Taunton. His case is further strength ened by an easy win from the winning handicapper Papajoto over this course and distance last season.

Beauchamp Fizz looked ordinary when a distant third to Scent Of Battle at Folkestone last time while Access Sun. who at his best would be a live threat, has been hard to win with this season.

Monumental Lad, a creditable nine-and-half lengths third to My Young Man at Haydock last time despite being 4lb out of the handicap proper, can win the Burnhill Handicap Chase off his correct mark, while Bounden Duty should justify probable favouritism in the Belvide Novices' Chase.

## American expert hired to help Garrison Savannah

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

A SERIES of trans-Atlantic out tests and has advised varifax messages between Kentucky and Lambourn could help to determine whether Garrison Savannah wins the battle to defend his Cheltenham Gold Cup title in just

over five weeks' time. The all-important information being sent from the United States follows the decision of Jenny Pitman to hire the services of a leading American veterinary expert in the fight to overcome the physical problems suffered by her troubled champion.

Dr Richard Redden spent 48 hours in Lambourn recently, most of them trying to identify the cause of spasmodic lameness which seems to plague Garrison Savannah.

The nine-year-old has not run since pulling up lame in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup on November 23, and he has only a 50-50 chance of defending his title at Prestbury Park on March 12, according to Mrs Pitman.

Last year, the Lambourn trainer faced a similar struggle to get the horse right in time for Cheltenham following a three-month lay-off. She only succeeded with the help of Chris Day, a vet specialising in acupuncture and

Explaining her decision to call in American expertise, she said: "I wanted the best vet in the world for the horse. Dr Redden was an inspiration. His knowledge enthralled us, and there's no doubting he is a wonderful

"I am hopeful "Garry" will be able to run at Cheltenham, but I will know more later in ous actions. Although he has returned to the States, we are in touch via fax messages."

Mrs Pitman plans to invite Dr Redden back later in the year to conduct a seminar for the racing and veterinary industry. "Miss it at your peril." she advised fellow trainers. Cheltenham was not far

from the mind of several trainers at the weekend as potential contenders were put through their paces on both sides of the Irish Sea. The quality racing threw up several clues, but it is doubtful if Sherlock Holmes would have solved many of them. Even the bookmakers were

in two minds following the unexpected defeat of Morley Street by Chirkpar in the Paschal Butler Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown. Ladbrokes promoted Gran-

ville Again to 5-2 favouritism for the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham and pushed out Morley Street to 7-2.

William Hill and Coral each trimmed Granville Again to 7-2, but kept Toby



with her champion

Balding's title holder as favourite.

Balding yesterday refuted suggestions that Morley Street's defeat may have been due to breaking a blood vessel. "He's absolutely fine. I have just spoken to his lad in Ireland. He are up last night and was perky this morning. Our view is that he was in front a bit too long and he was a bit ring-rusty, having not run for three months. Also, the ground was too

sticky. It is doubtful if Morley Street will have another run before Cheltenham. If he does, it will be in the Berkshire Hurdle at Newbury on February 29."

Fidway has been called some unflattering names during his career and he has earned a dreaded squiggle from Timeform. However, Tim Thomson Jones's hur-dler showed true determination up Sandown's hill to win the Agfa Hurdle on Saturday, the race he threw away last year when pulling himself

up in the last 50 yards. Thomson Jones believes his talented seven-year-old is, at last, growing up and the ability he has always possessed may now be realised. "If all goes well on Champion Hurdle day, it will take a very good horse to beat him."

The most eye catching per formance, with the festival in mind, was produced by the Elmsbridge Handicap Chase winner. Edberg, who is improving by leaps and bounds as a two-mile handicap chaser. His objective is the Grand Annual Challenge Cup Chase on the opening day of the

## 110yd, good). CAPABILITY BROWN 6th beaten 331 by Emeraid Sunset (rec 24b) at Newbury (3m 12byd, good). PASHTO telled to quicken when 3rd beaten 29d by Dark Honey (rec 20b) at Warwick (2m 5i, good). FIGHTING WORDS on peru 4.00 BOGNOR REGIS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,178; 3m 2f 110yd) (11 runners) Long handlong: Border Archer 9-11, Arctic Baron 9-7, Autumn Zulu 8-13, Paddy's Drasm 6-11, Pensioner Patch 8-6. the week. Dr Redden carried BETTING: 8-4 Calabrese, 7-2 Mander's Way, 6-1 Fence Judge, 8-1 Bonesi Bud, 10-1 Border Archer, 12-1 Pley pen, 14-1 Arctic Beron, 18-1 Mister Ed, 20-1 others. MISTER ED pulled up behind Carvill's Hill (gave 28th) in Weish Nationi (3m 6f, good to soft): earlier 3rd beating under 11 by Marshinader (rec 28th) at 1, good to soft). MANDER'S WAY best Pury 3rd beating under 11 by Marshinader (rec 28th) at 1, good to soft). MANDER'S WAY best Pury 5rokestons (3m 2f, good). Soft Destinant (save) 3rd at Uttooster (2m 6f, soft). BORFARCHER best Nobley (save) 18th) at Uttooster (2m 6f, soft). BORFARCHER best Nobley (save) 18th), a winner since, here (2m 2f 110yd, good to soft). PLAYPEN besten 8th 2f 10yd, good to soft). Selection: MANDER'S WAY MANDARIN 1.50 Regan. 2.20 Gymcrak Gamble. 2.50 My Chiara. 3.20 Non Permanent. 3.50 Gymcrak Sovereign. 4.20 Fly Guard. 1 SO-1110 WOODURATHER 39 (0) (R Berber) M Pipe 6-11-12 P Soudemore 86 BR/US-1 HERE HE COMES 29 (3) (E Herington) R Akahurat 6-11-2 D J.Leoch (2) 9-99 3 46-1400 P/COSEC SURINS 6 (F) (sits D Humisott) J Fitch-Hayes 6-11-6 A Maguire 79 4 2000-1 TIPP DOWN 20 (6) (W O'Vell) D Murray Solitis 5-11-9 G Brackey 89 5 838/P-41 CARELESS KISS 1 4 (0) (F Wilson) A Moore 6-11-4 Condy Moorie 6 2 ALWAYS READY 28 (sits N Stields) R Leo 6-11-3 W McFartand 84 DIMBOURG 354F (A Richards) S Woodman 8-11-3 W A Pizzpenki (5) O GBBOT 13-F (B Leuin-Barmeds) P Howing 7-11-3 J McLaughin 8 80/P/FF MANNYS CHOICE 37 (Mrs C Meson-Smally) A Moore 7-11-3 J McLaughin 10 00 SENGILAR RUN 15 (5) Dies 2 Purvis) Nos J Diese 6-11-3 N Diese 61 00 SENGILAR RUN 15 (5) Dies 2 Purvis) Nos J Diese 6-11-3 N Diese 61 00 SENGILAR RUN 15 (5) Dies 2 Purvis) Nos J Diese 6-11-3 N Diese 61 00 SENGILAR RUN 15 (5) Dies 2 Purvis) Nos J Diese 6-11-3 N Diese 61 00 SENGILAR RUN 15 (6) Diese 7-11-3 N Diese 6-11-3 N Diese 6-11-3 COS TITLE VOLUMENT RESIDENT TO SENGILAR RUN 15 (6) Diese 7-11-3 J Diese 6-11-3 N Diese 6-11-3 COS TITLE VOLUMENT RESIDENT TO SENGILAR RUN 15 (6) Diese 7-11-3 J Diese 6-11-3 J Wilson J Wilson J Wilson J Diese 6-11-3 J Wilson J Wilson J Wilson J Diese 6-11-3 J Wilson J W Wilson J Wilson J W Wilson J W

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\*\* CPRET GROCKEMAN 14 (C) Mrs I McIGs 8-11-8 Packey (7)

3 P-02 ROYAL CHARGE 16 (D,F,G,S) D Westcome 11-10-13

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5 2302 THE LIGHTER SIDE 7 (C,SF,F,G) M Charles 6-10-12

Audy Davies (7)

6 548F MASTER SALESMAN 12 (F,G) S Rothwell 5-10-5

7 5481 REGAN 7 (C) Miss J Beroley 5-10-5 (Sec)... C Hawkins 8 2805 PRINGERS CROSSED 15 (D,RF,F,S) O Brunnen 8-10-4

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2.50 ROSEWOOD MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,470: 2m 4f) (9)

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16 0 PED NEST 16 Mrs P Joynes 4-10-7. Mr S Joynes (7)
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TRAINERS: S Kettlewell, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; M H Easterby, 4 from 12, 33.5%; Mrs G Reveley, 3 from 10, 30.7%; R Hollsmheed, 21 from 75, 28.0%; Brone 22, 22.7%; B Precce, 13 from 82, 15.9%. JOCKEYS: G Lyons, 18 winners from 70 rides, 25.7%; F Murtagh, 6 from 31, 18.4%; S Wynne, 8 from 46, 17.4%; A Juckes, 9 from 52, 17.3%; S Keightley, 7 from 44, 15.9%; R Garritty, 5 from 37, 13.5%.

☐ Cartisle, scheduled for tomorrow, looks certain to go ahead after the stewards inspected the course yesterday. A thaw has set in and no further inspection is planned.

#### RICHARD EVANS 2.10 VA LUTE (nap). 2.40 Bounden Duty. 3.10 Spitton Lane. 3.10 CORMORAN (nap). 2.10 Va Lute. 2.40 Bounden Duty. 4.10 Monumental Lad. 3.10 Jakarrdi. 3.40 Noble Vision. 4.10 Monumental Lad. 3.40 Noble Vision. 4.10 Monumental Lad. 4.40 Fight To Win. 4.40 Peatswood. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating 3.40 NOBLE VISION. GOING. GOOD SETTING: 15-8 Cormoran, 11-4 Snitton Lane, 9-2 Ardrie, 6-1 Old Brig, 12-1 Nanda Moon, 14-1 Jakandi, Nevada Gold, 16-1 Murphaideez, 20-1 others. 2.10 BECKBURY CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,684: 2m) (19 runners) 3.40 BROMSGROVE NOVICES CLAIMING CHASE (22,006: 3m 1f) (14 runners) 284454 CROSSOFSPANCILHEL 39 (0.F) (Arrow Valley Ltd) C Triedline 6-11-4... N Williamson 88 875-11P TIBER MELODY 17 (CD.0) (Mrs E Courage) M Williamson 9-11-4... N Williamson 88 88 3 U3243-P NORSTOWN 22 (F,S) (Mrs A Sims) R Holder 10-11-0... E Byrne 92 4 0033/0P SiLVERCROSS LAD 34 (Mrs A Turner) R Juctus 9-11-0... D Sicyrme 5 FPUA21 NO9LE VISION 12 (A Motore) M Pipe 9-10-12... M Perrett 6 3520-PP RAIDO 66 (F) U Steventon) B Cembidge 7-10-12... D Togg 7 PP Mall FARM 27 (A Williams) A Williams 9-10-10... D Togg 9 P-25-16 Wesset 14 (B.F.S) (Full Circle Thoroughbrides Pic.) N Tinider 10-10-10... G McCourt 9 /P-2POA ROSE LANCASTER 11 (M Griffin) T Hallett 9-10-9... S Hazell (7) 76 10 P00-UPP THE HUCKLEBUCK 53 (Mrs C Dickin) R Dickin 7-10-6... M Rodoman 12 0-449315 CEDAR RUN 18 (F.S) (G Charles-Jones 9-10-7... N Coloman 85 12 0-44954 BALLY PRENCHMAN 19 (V.S) (Mrs C Fortsscue) A Devision 9-10-6... G Moore 14 45-6566 RUNNING FORTUNE 12 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Griver 12-10-5... D Byrne 84 PETTING 7-4 Noble Vision 7-2 Tiber Melody, 5-1 Cader Run, 8-1 Crossorispancifish, 10-1 Wessex, 12-1 Bally BETTING: 7-4 Noble Vision, 7-2 Tiber Melody, 5-1 Cedar Run, 8-1 Crossofspancifisit, 10-1 Wessex, 12-1 Belly Frenchman, 18-1 Norstown, 20-1 others. 19 562340 SILVER STRINGS 13 (Mrs M Paling) B Paling 12-11-0 C Evens 77 BETTING: 9-4 Va Lute, 3-1 Beauchamp Fizz, 9-2 Access Sun, 7-1 Basic Fun, 10-1 Bioglosi, 12-1 Applianosof-science, Carabali Dancer, 16-1 Silver Strings, 20-1 others. 4.10 BURNHILL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,103: 2m) (8 runners) 1941: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST 2,40 BELVIDE NOVICES CHASE (52,071; 2m) (14 runners) Long handicap: J J Januay 9-11. BETTING: 2-1 Monumental Lad, 9-4 King Of The Lot, 5-1 Monk's Mistake, 6-1 Kind's Smert, 8-1 Roxall Clump, 12-1 Evening Raio, 18-1 Particohnoon, 20-1 J J Jammy. 4.40 CANNING-JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE





## Wilkinson springs a surprise with Leeds back on top

Leeds United... Notts County...

By Peter Ball

THERE is more to Howard Wilkinson than meets the eye. If managers are going to make the decisive contribution in determining the out-come of the League title race, his capacity for surprise, and dynamic action, should not

of the table with its first home win since November, the Leeds manager produced his new signing, the controver-sial French forward, Eric aplomb of Frankie Howerd seeing a trick work. He then capped it by acting as inter-preter as Cantona revealed that he had always admired English football and always wanted to play for Leeds since seeing them play in the 1975 European Cup final — or something like that

"He's turned on by the prospect of playing in England in what he calls 'real football' compared with France," Wilkinson added, which at least provided a useful corrective to hearing Hoddle and Waddle raving about French technique and ractical sophistication. But it represented a re-

markable switch for the enfant terrible of the French League, who, supposedly, was returning to France in high dudgeon after being asked to extend his trial with Sheffield Wednesday for another week.

Wilkinson had no such qualms about stepping in where Francis feared to tread, taking Cantona sight unseen. and with nary a thought to the player's reputation.

I've seen enough of Eric on video." Wilkinson said. "I

## **Sheffield United** upstage Francis

By PETER BALL

WEST Yorkshire's need for Eric Cantona may be press-ing, but South Yorkshire's clearly is not. Folled from signing the French international, Trevor Francis instead took responsibility himself, coming on as substitute to play the decisive part as Shef-field Wednesday came from behind to defeat Luton Town

Against the division's bottom team, Wednesday got a flying start as that other international forward, David Hirst, scored after 17 minutes on his return from injury. But Luton came back and were leading 2-1 when Francis came off the bench to play an important part, in the goals by Williams and Harkes that kept Wednesday in fifth place.

For once, though, Wednesday were upstaged by their neighbours. Sheffield United, who won 5-2 at Nottingham Forest. It was Forest's heaviest home defeat in their 17 years under Brian Clough. The manager's decision to go public in his criticism of his goalkeeper, Mark Crossley. earlier in the week might not look well-judged in retrospect, but Jennings, Southall or Shilton would not have stood much chance with most of United's goals, Michael

Lake, Gannon and Bradshaw vying for the accolade "goal

of the match". The result took United up to seventeenth in the first division. There were also important wins for West Ham United, who best Oldham Athletic 1-0 with a rare goal from Mitchell Thomas, and Coventry City added to troubled times at Crystal Palace with their 1-0 win at Selhurst

appointment of their new manager, Joe Kinnear, by earning a point at Queen's Park Rangers, and then made the Crawley Town manager, Brian Sparrow, re-



Francis: influential

have him on loan, at a fee of around £100,000, with the option to sign him for below £1 million. Whether the love affair will last may be questionable, but even in the short term it is good business for Wilkinson, who, at the worst. has found a replacement for Lee Chapman for six weeks at

sounds like Chapman, although the next bit did not. "He's got a terrific touch, very, very good vision. For a big lad, his ability to bring other people into the game is surprising, and he's got a lot

feel considerably worse than he was on Thursday when Cantona was walking out on Wednesday. There was some consolation, however. The only grey area is how he deals with English football," Wilkinson said. A string of names suggests that is a large enough doubt to keep Chap-man smiling through the next six weeks.

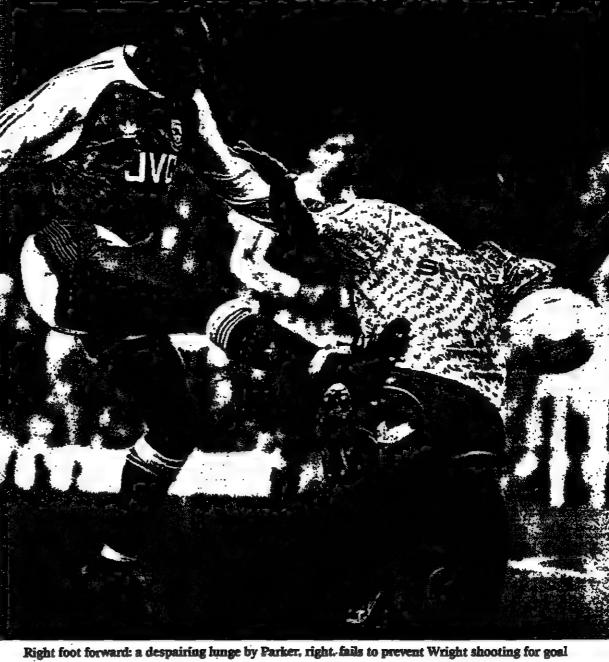
gests that Leeds could afford to wait for Chapman's return. The performance told another story after being gifted a goal after only 12 minutes, Sterland glancing home Strachan's corner. "Third di-vision defending," Warnock

Leeds were lucky to be level at the interval and the crowd was so quiet Cantona must have thought he was back in France. With Sterland, the main driving force, going off at half-time, it looked

"I fancied us at 1-0," Warnock said, "but they don't make elementary mis-

ficiary, leading the charge as

LEBDS UNITED: J Luido; M Sterland (auto: M Whitlow), A Dorigo, D Betry, C Patrolough, C Whyte, G Strachen (auto: G Kelly), R Wallette, S Hootige, G McAlleter, G Speed.



## Ferguson in a predicament

to be caught in two minds.
One half of his instinct wants to drape a protective arm around the shoulders of Ryan Giggs and the other would prefer to keep selecting the precocious 18-yearold in an irrepressible formation that includes two

wingers.
The Manchester United manager must find the right balance to the equation and, therefore, in his line-up, because his championship ambitions could rest on the solution. It could be argued, for instance, that the omission of Giggs from the 1-1 draw at Arsenal on Saturday cost the club two points and division. Ferguson shielded Lee Sharpe similarly last contribution.

Rested occasionally from relatively meaningless League fixtures, he was able to refresh United on their way to the finals of the Rumbelows Cup, which they lost, and the European Cup Winners' Cup, which they

Had Sharpe been avail-

cision by explaining that Paul Ince, preferred on the left side of midfield, did not STUART JONES deserve to be dropped after filling in so capably in the central role while Bryan Robson was injured. His sense of loyalty, though, ap-

> Arsenal, who are fum-bling through their worst sequence of George Gra-ham's managership and without a win in eight games, are uncharacteristically vulnerable and unrecognisable from the side crowned as champions last season. They represent comparatively easy prey but United, in spite of wounding

peared on this occasion to be

to apply any more decisive blows. "We should have killed them off," Ferguson said. Instead, Arsenal were allowed to equalise through a swift break covering some 80 yards and completed by David Rocastle just before the interval and repair some of their severely damaged credibility during an undistinguished second half spectacular only for its lifelessness. Graham,

champions elect" to two draws this season, believes that United remain the favourites."I think it will be very tight," he said, "and Liverpool have a part to play but, if I was a gamblin man, I would bet on United

pipping Leeds to the title."
His opinion, shared by
many, is reinforced by the knowledge that Sharpe has been in sparkling form for the reserves and could soon be back in genuine contention. Ferguson would then have no need to agonise over whether or not he can afford to lighten the burden car-ried by Giggs. In view of the club's priori-

the gifted Welshman should be overlooked for a League game. It would surely have been more logical to withdraw him from the FA Cup fourth-round replay against Southampton at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

ARSENAL: D Seemen; L Dhon, N Wisterburn, D Hiller, S Bould, A Ademe, D Rocestle (sub: C Pates), I Wright, A Ademy, D Rocestle (sub: C Pates), I Wright, A Limes), MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeichel: MORREIT, D Invin. P Parter, N Webb, G Patier, B Robson, P Ince (sub: R Giggs), B McClair, M Hughes, A Kangheletis. Reterror: R Biccom.

#### City test patience with dull display

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Manchester City..... Tottenham Hotspur.... BY IAN ROSS

ALTHOUGH Manchester City are on the periphery of the race for this season's League championship, they are still testing the patience of their notoriously fickle support. Deserved though victory over a listless Tottenham Hotspur side was, a fitful performance did little to support the views of Peter Reid. the City manager, who earlier in the week had suggested that the title may yet return to Maine Road after an absence

of 24 years. The chances of a competent, but infuriatingly inconsistent, team achieving such a feat are slender in the extreme. This victory, for example, begged more questions than it answered.

During a match devoid of enterprise, only McMahon. the former England international, distinguished himself, so vindicating Reid's decision to pay an inflated price for a player of advanced years.

"He was excellent and in was his superb passing which kept us going," Reid said, "When players like him become available for transfer. you just have to go for them." A contest, which only flickered into life when the rudimentary offside traps employed by both sides were undone, was decided in the

29th minute when White lurched forward to head in a Hughes free kick. Had White, an able deputy for the suspended Quinn, displayed similar efficiency in the dying minutes at a point when Tottenham had finally succumbed to the inevitable City's final margin of victory

more convincing. Peter Shreeves, the Totten ham manager, who has grown accustomed to seeing his side prosper away from home this season, admitted to feeling aggrieved afterwards and was uncharacteristically critical of the referee's decision not to award a penalty midway through the first half. when Stewart's raking run was curtailed by a Redmond

would have been a good de

While it is true that Red mond's challenge did hold more than a hint of malice, Tottenham would have stood accused of grand larceny had they left Manchester with any tangible reward, such was their miserable contribution to a moribund spectacle.

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ENDING TERMS

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8.870 Smith 7 O'Connor 58 LINCOLN (D) 0 YORK THERE is more than a touch of frony to the disciplinary tables — Portsmouth have the cleanest record while their south-coast neighbours. Southampton, are back on top of the four-play table with 48 bookings and three dismissale. As there was no movement by the leading scorers, one or two in the chasing pack are starting to catch up, notably Duncan Sheater on 27 goals. The lowest attendance of the weekend was at Lincoln (1,750) before the game was abandoned at half-time. AYR UTD (2) 3 CLYDBNK (1) 1 Traynor 9 28 86 Howard 32 (og) 1,918 DUNDEE (2) 2 MEADBNK (II) 1 Dudde 4 (pan) 23 Parry 70 3,218 HAMILTON (0) 6 MORTON (0) 0 GILLHOHM (1) 2 DONCSTR (0) 1 ARSENAL (1) 1 MAJI UTD (1) 1 McColf 27 McColf 27 C PALAGE (0) 0 COVENTRY (1) 1 19.618 Smith 30
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On Saturday, after his team had gone back to the top

spoke to four people - Glenn

Hoddle, a lad I know who's a coach in France, Michel Platini and his assistant, and they all said there's no problem with the boy."

"He's a big lad, good in the air," Wilkinson said, which

All of that might have been calculated to make Chapman

Batty was the unlikely bene-

Leeds cleared a corner, tervention on the halfway line and racing through to leave Cherry helpless with his sec-ond goal of the season and third in 193 games. Wallace claimed the third and it was all over. All that, and Cantona to come.

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NOTTS COUNTY: S Cherry; C Pairner, A Paris, C Short, R Dryden (such M Welle), M Draper, D Thomas, P Turner, G Lund, K Berliett, T Johnson (such S Stewagn).

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able this season. Ferguson could have used his three. wingers in rotation without diminishing the force of his ishing the force of his attack. Deprived so far of that convenience, he has retained Andrei Kanchelskis on one flank while keeping Giggs in reserve now and

then, as at Highbury. Whenever United fly on only one wing, they are appreciably less convincing. Inevitably misshapen, they lack the necessary thrust: Against Arsenal, significantly, they gained not a single corner and, apart from Brian McClair's goal shortly before the half hour, they fired not a single direct shot of note at David Seaman.

Giggs did eventually appear but United, as though blindly committed to their lopsided approach, largely ignored him. Thus Lee Dixon, whose international credentials have been fading, was spared the kind of tortuous experience endured recently by one of his predecessors in the England team, Mel Sterland.

Ferguson defended his de-

RUGBY LEAGUE

Widnes

fail to

find way

through

By Keith Macklin

IN A curp-tie of epic commit-ment and ferocity, two sides

capable of producing open rugby of the highest quality

settled instead for a bare-

knuckle battle at Naughton

Park. St Helens won, aveng-

ing their semi-final defeat in

the Regal Trophy, because

they twice broke the tackling stranglehold to score excel-

lent tries and because they

made fewer errors than

Widnes took an early lead

with a penalty goal by Davies after Bishop had missed with

two kicks at the other end, but

though it was obvious that

try-scoring chances would be

limited, Widnes made a gift

of one to Bishop when Dever-

eux knocked-on in front of his

own line, Cooper sending Bishop over from the result-

ing scrum.

When Bishop landed a

penalty for St Helens, the

four-point gap seemed nar-row, but Widnes could make

no impression on the furious

and merciless tackling, de-

Devereux.

spite breaks by Sorensen and

In the second half, Widnes

tried everything to crack the screen, but David Hulme,

Holliday and Devereux all

lost possession inside St Hel-

front-row forward, Ward, a

veteran who must have staked

a claim for another Great

Britain cap, St Helens raised

the siege and Bishop and Ropati sent in Riley for the

clinching try. They go to Leeds next Saturday for

another outstanding contest.

Led by the magnificent

ens' 22-metre line.

Widnes

Wimbledon old boys shed their inhibitions at Anfield

## Crazy spirit lives on as Liverpool find to their cost

By CLIVE WHITE

TO THEIR horror, Liverpool discovered on Saturday that the Crazy Gang spirit lives on. Just when the class of '92 had managed to hold their heads high again with pride, two of those kids from the Bash Street Gang turned up to lay down the banana skins once more and the former champions took another heavy tumble.

The contempt which Wimbledon always used to show for Liverpool, culminating in an historic victory for what some people saw as Evil over Good one unforgettable day in May four years ago, surfaced again as Vinnie Jones and Dennis Wise, two of their old boys, delivered to Chelsea, their new masters, their second victory over Merseysiders in a week.

This one, however, was much more famous if less significant than last Sunday's FA Cup defeat of Everton. Chelsea had not won a league game at Anfield in 55 years. but records and reputations count for nothing with characters like Jones and Wise. On the contrary, they are like a red rag to them. It is hardly surprising, then, that they treat the "this is Anfield" sign hanging over the head of the them. "Very disappointing players tunnel at Liverpool. with such disdain.

The story goes that Winnbledon players once defaced it with spittal on their way to the pitch but Jones, for one, app-ears to have modified his manners since those days. Instead, on Saturday, he attempted to hang his own sign, which read "We're bothered?" beneath the intimidating Liverpool plaque but was prevented from doing so by the police.

One would hesitate to go as far as to say that he allowed his football to do the talking instead, but he certainly made a fairly poignant state-ment after 21 minutes with an impressive, dipping 20 yard drive — "I don't suppose Ian St John will give me any credit for it" - over the head of Grobbelaar in the Liver pool goal. It was the Merseysiders who looked bothered then and though the eratic Rosenthal pulled them level ten minutes later with an emphatic finish, they never displayed the fluency and resolve which had overcome

Arsenal in midweek. In one of the shortest press conferences on record, 16 seconds to be exact, Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, accused his players of committing the cardinal sin of any performer of reading his reviews and believing

#### Steven may return

RANGERS consolidated both their leadership of the premier division and their status as favourites to retain the Scottish championship when they beat Heart of Midlothian 1-0 at Tynecastie on Saturday courtesy of a goal from Ally McCoist (Roddy Forsyth writes).Rangers re-

vealed that Trevor Steven may return to Ibrox from Marseilles at the end of the season. The French champions have yet to pay half of the £5 million transfer fee they agreed six months ago and contractually they are obliged to let Rangers have first option on his services.

## the most disappointing performance at home since I'm

been at the club," he said.

"Players were guilty of believe ing what was said about them since Wednesday night. All in all, a totally inept perfet, mance. I apologise to discussive them to the supporters for that performance." And with that, he turned on his hed and left.

Thirteen Feature. Thinteen League games, without defeat, had, under-

standably, encouraged talk, that Liverpool might yet win the championship. Had they defeated Chelsea they would have been a mere six points behind the leaders, but this game revealed only how much they still miss Barnest and Rush while the tempo 7 rary absence of Thomas in midfield and Nicol in defence meant that they were flawed

Blatant misses by Rosenthal and McManaman prompted Le Saux, Chelsea's bubbly young midfield player, not without some justification, to suggest that Liverpool are not as lethal in front of goal as they used to be. "I don't think anyone is intimidated by them any more," he said, "Their reputation has almost disappeared."

Those Chelsea players old enough to know better not to write off Liverpool were content merely to express their gratitude for the opportunity their opponents' predicament afforded them. That included an uncharacteristic stackness in defence which Wise punished for the winner in the 74th minute. It could have een worse for Liverpool, but for Grobbelaar, at his extrovert worst/best, saving Wise's 83rd minute penalty following a trip by Marsh on Allen. LIVERPOOL: 6 Girbbaker, N Joses, D Burrows, R Rosestfiel, M Wright (sub: 8 Venton), N Tenner, D Seunders, R Houghein, M Wasters (sub: M Mersh), J

## Ipswich strike a stylish note

lpswich Town.....3 BY LOUISE TAYLOR

LOOKING auractive in an all-orange outfit is not easy, but Ipswich Town managed it at Millwall on Saturday. The colour of their kit was one of the few minuses in a stylish 3-2 win that kept John Lyall's team a point behind Blackburn Rovers at the top of the

second division. The biggest doubt about ipswich's promotion hopes has centred on a tendency to be one-paced, but, on this evidence, Jason Dozzell and company are finally learning to change gear. Whereas once, they could spend an eternity passing to each other in their own half, loswich now deliver a greater number of earlier, defence-threaten-

ing balls than of old. That said, it did not take Millwall rearguard not only lacking the injured McCarthy

ed, Verveer and Rae.

three-goal advantage.

third before Ipswich's mo-mentum was disturbed by the introduction of Kerr. The Millwall substitute prompted a revival in which Rae reduced the deficit before Kerr himself converted an 85thminute penalty.

bottom club, Oxford United, Ossie Ardiles's Newcastle United look destined for the third division. Boasting the League's leakiest defence, Newcastle are second from bottom of the table. John Hall, the chairman, yesterday said there was "no question" of dismissing Ardiles, but, in reality, only the amount of compensation involved in terminating his £120,000-ayear contract has kept Ardiles

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Reference: N Lupton.

eases on manager Gould West Bromwich Albion . 2 Brentford.....

Pressure

BY KETTH BLACKMORE

JUST when it seemed Brentford might be getting away from the third-division promotion pack, along came West Bromwich Albion to haul them back. West Brom's win at The Hawthorns on Saturday moved them into second place and cut Brentford's lead from five points to

It also relieved the pressure that had been mounting on Bobby Gould and his team. This is West Brom's first season in the third division and. despite their relative success, the supporters are taking some time to get used to it.

The week before. West Brom had managed the unlikely feat of losing at home to Swansea City, despite leading 2-0 with only 13 minutes to play. That performance, combined with residual resentment over the sale of Don Goodman to Sunderland, prompted a prolonged terrace protest.

Gould soothed those supporters by going out to talk to them and in midweek he put his money where his mouth was, paying Bristol City £300,000 for Bob Taylor. It looked a good buy on paper -Taylor had scored 27 goals in City's successful promotion campaign two seasons before - and it soon looked good on the pitch too.

Taylor scored after 11 minutes, running on to Robson's pass before shooting under Benstead, and then produced a memorable volley, which Gould later likened to van Basten's goal in the last European championship final, that the goalkeeper barely managed to claw away.

By the time Taylor limped off with a dead leg after 53 minutes, West Brom were in command, Fereday having extended their lead. Brent-

High crosses aimed at their numerous tall men occasionally caused Naylor to flap like an old hen, but they produced no eggs and in Luscombe, Smillie and Gayle, Brentford had too many men trying to do the same job on the wings.

Afterwards, Gould happily recalled that, as manager of Wimbledon, he had once offered £750,000 for Taylor and had been refused. "He's had a rough time recently, but his goalscoring was out-standing," he said.

West Brom have reached a crucial stage of their season. Next week, they travel the short distance to play Birmingham City, who are fourth. Then they meet Stoke City, who moved into third place on Saturday by beating

Burnley retained the leadership of the fourth division by drawing 2-2 at Walsall.

WEST BROMWICH ALBONG 9 Munior, 8 Hodson, G Harbey, D Bradley, C Shake-speare, D Burgess, W Fereday, R Taylor, Gub. P. Williams, G. Robson (sub. B McNaby, G Roberts, G Harchett, BRIENTFOPD: G Berreland; B Statister, J Bates, K. Millen, T Evers, S Ratcistle, L Luscombe (sub. A Sindy), If Boother (sub: W Marsen), D Holdsworth, M Gayle, N Smile Reference B Coddington



Man and machine: Roger Hammond, who plans to go to university once his A-levels are out of the way, yesterday enjoyed his first sporting graduation at Leeds when he became junior world champion to win Britain's first cyclo-cross gold medal since Smart Marshall's success in 1986 (Peter Bryan writes)

saddle was regularly interrupted during the 7.7-mile race over four laps. The Roundhay Park circuit, including sufficient natural obstacles for a community energy, was made

more difficult by the introduction of a 21step "staircase" to be climbed each lap. The tactic Hammond used was to get as close to the head of the field as soon as possible to avoid fallen riders. "Lnek was on my side," he said. "I worked my way up to the leaders, a rider fell in front of me on a

lippery corner, and that put me in the lead." Hammond slowed slightly in the last mile but still had 20 seconds in hand crossing the line from Vojtech Bachleda, of

SNOOKER

#### Reynolds breaks his duck

DEAN Reynolds tasted vicappearances at the tourns ment when he beat Mike Hallett 5-3 to reach the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Masters at the Wembley Conference Centre yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

The confidence instilled by successive maximum breaks in practice on Saturday failed to prevent Reynolds, the No. 12 seed, falling 3-1 behind. However, after the interval, this all-Grimsby battle was transformed as Reynolds included breaks of 73 and 44 in a decisive four-frame run.

James Wanana, a wild card, survived a whirlwind schedule to set a formidable target for the £10,000 high-est-break prize with a 130 clearance during the fourth frame of his 5-1 first-round victory over Tony Knowles.

Wattana, who beat Steve James 6-2 in a Matchroom League fixture at Stirling on Saturday night, compiled additional runs of 47, 56, 52 and 64. The Thai then dashed to Heathrow to catch the shuttle back to Scotland.

RESULTS: First round: J Wattans (Thei) bt A Knowles (Eng.), 5-7 Second round: D Reynolds (Eng.) bt M Hallett (Eng.), 5-3

ROWING

## **Rowers get exemption** from keep-right rule THE starboard hand, keep right, rule is to be relaxed for rowers are to be permitted to

Bridge (Mike Rosewell writes). The recent strict enforcement of the rule by the Port of London Authority (PLA) brought protests from rowing dubs who envisaged serious danger if their crews were forced away from their traditional course which allowed escape routes and avoided shallows.

Peter Coni, chairman of Henley Regatta, has been the spokesman for the Amateur

rowing boats operating on return to their safer route.

Rowing Association in negotheir proper course.

The PLA will issue a Notice to Mariners later this month warning them that rowing boats will be allowed exemp tion over the disputed stretch, the concession hopefully coming into effect before the Heads of the River in March. Coni's "sensibly negotiated agreement" with the Authorities will lead to markers being erected at the traditional crossing places for rowing boats and more advice to local and visiting crews as to

round giant-killers by beating Swinton, of the first division, 14-4. Pennant, Jasiewicz and Rowse scored the tries. The holders, Wigan, had no diffi-culties at Salford, Edwards, Botica, Betts and Lydon scoring tries in a 22-6 win. Leeds and Castleford met in a topof-the-table first division match at Headingley, which Castleford won 18-4.

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SWIMMING

#### Fibbens tastes success in defeat

Paris: Neither Mike Fibbens nor Ian Wilson won at the final round of the shortcourse World Cup in Paris last night, but one will come home today as World Cup sprint freestyle champion and the other with a new British record (Craig Lord writes).

After setting a Commonwealth record of 48.48sec to win the 100 metres on Saturday. Fibbens was keen to recapture the national 50

metres freestyle record he lost to Mark Foster, his teammate from Barnet, last

Wednesday. Germany, beat Fibbens by 0.02 sec last night to win in 22.24 sec.

Fibbens none the less claimed his World Cup trophy at the end of seven exhausting rounds over two months.

Stefan Pfeiffer, of Ger-

1,500 metres freestyle and could not be caught. But Wilson swam half a second inside However, Nils Rudolph, of the 1988 national record of Kevin Boyd to place third in

> 14min 56.85sec. Phillipa Langrell, of New Zealand, broke the ten-yearold Commonwealth record of Jackie Wilmott in the 800 metres freestyle.

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#### SNOW REPORTS Conditions Pinte AUSTRIA Axamer Lizum . .75 85 5 85 good open (Good conditions down to resort) \_ -4C \_ 21/1 . 40 130 good open cloud (Some lower slopes hard, but conditions still good) n 20 150 icy closed sun (Best skung at Hochfuegen, Icy patches appearing els sun 0C 21/1 Hopigarten . . 30 90 hard open sun -5C (All lifts open Some lower slopes icy) 1 30 90 hard open sun (All lifts open. Good conditions, but steep slopes icy)

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UNITED STATES 95 100 sun +3C good open (IAid temperatures, snow still reasonable) 80 110 good open (No new snow Skung in all six bowls) 85 95 hard open sun (Mad temperatures bringing spring-like conditions) OC Supplied by Ski Horine, 1, and U rater to lower and upper slopes

but desperately short of pace. Ipswich found their hosts' midfield pretty lightweight, too. Bogie is no defensive midfield player, but he was forced into that role alongside the talented, but attack-mind-

Stockwell was thus afforded an embarrassing amount of space as he repeatedly ran through an almost tackle-free zone. With Dozzell and Milton passing sweetly and Kiwomya's speed a constant menace, Ipswich built a

The first, which arrived in the 33rd minute, was a cameo of their football. Dozzell initiated a five-man move he completed by side-footing home Kiwomya's cross.

Another passing sequence just after the interval, resulted in Dozzell's effort being cleared, but Thompson was on hand to drive the ball too much to trouble a home. Kiwomya shot the

-2C

After a 5-2 defeat at the

#### Maierhofer's wait ends

FROM DAVID POWELL IN GRINDELWALD, SWITZERLAND

MONIKA Maierhofer had tried for seven years to win a World Cup slalom, and she succeeded yesterday with perfect timing. Now, she can go to the Olympics with selfbelief. After eight second places, she was beginning to doubt herself.

The Winter Games begin on Saturday and, while skies were blue here for the last slalom and downhill races before Albertville, forecasting turned cloudy. Vreni Schneider, the Olym-

pic and world slalom champion, from Switzerland, missed a gate on her first run and failed to qualify for the second; then, when it came to her slaiom run for the combined, she fell. Gone was her lead in the overall World

Cup. She will still be the one to beat in Meribel where the Olympic women's skiing takes place, but now she looks vulnerable. This was her second failure to finish in four World Cup slaloms: three weeks ago in Schruns. she did not complete her first Schneider's day to forget allowed Petra Kronberger,

the overall World Cup cham-

pion for the past two seasons, to displace her at the head of the standings, but only because Kronberger skis across the disciplines while all Schneider's points have been accumulated from slalom and giant slalom. By her own admission, and without a top-three finish in

her last 12 races she could hardly say otherwise, Kronberger is not skiing well. Maierhofer, from Austria, is. although she had her luck. Sabine Ginther, the winner of the downhill on Saturday, is in contention for the

Maierhofer: fine timing

gold that was beginning to look the property of Katja Seizinger, the German whose two successive wins before coming here had given her a commanding World Cup lead in the division. Sometimes, Ginter's most

awkward opponent can be the weather. She wears contact lenses and according to Raymond Berger, Austria's chief coach, has difficulty in poor light in adjusting to the changing shades. By travelling at 60mph and enduring the obvious risks of impaired vision, she has earned Kronberger's respect. "It is a problem for her but she seems able to put it out of her mind," she said.

Paul Accola virtually secured the men's overall World Cup crown when he won his first super giant slalom in Megeve, France, on Saturday. Accola led a Swiss sweep of the top three to win from Marco Hangl and the world downhill champion, Franz Heinzer. Yesterday, Didrik Marksten, of Norway. upstaged Alberto Tomba to win the giant slalom in St Gervais.

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#### HOCKEY Billson's late strike sinks St Albans

Teddington ..... By Sydney Fruskin

TEDDINGTON emerged from a game of changing fortunes with a late winner against St Albans in the Pizza Express National League match at Clarence Park vesterday.

Having had more territorial advantage. St Albans were worth at least a draw but Teddington's perseverence paid off. Teddington, in fact, lost the initiative they had seized in the first ten minutes when both Billson and

McGuire missed chances. St Albans, reprieved, hit back in the 28th minute when they forced a short corner. Cogdell's shot was saved on the line by Billson but Day scored on the follow-up. A minute before half-time. St Albans were deprived of a goal from another short corner when Meredith saved

successive shots by Cogdell. A vigorous attack by St Albans early in the second half was repelled by Teddington, who retaliated in the 45th minute by forcing a short corner. Langston, the St Albans goalkeeper, pushed the ball over the crossbar to concede a penalty stroke, converted by McGuire.

Three minutes before the end, Laslett, the Teddington captain and centre half. slipped a pass to the un-marked Billson who scored with a fine shot from right of the circle. St Albans had earlier appealed for an infringement in midfield and Gibbins was sent off for dissent.

Meanwhile. Southgate's ambitions suffered a setback yesterday when they lost 2-1 at home to Slough. Duthie's goal from a short corner for Southgate was answered in similar fashion by Kirkland Nicklin converted a penalty stroke in the 62nd minute to win the game for Slough.

STALBANS: MLangston; M Day, S Port, D Mackney, G Wister (capt), E Cope, P Gibbra, A Halliday, D Woods, H Tewes, D Control Gibbris, A Helliday, D Woods, H Tewes, D Cogdell, TEDDRIGTOR: G Merodith; M Pilley, S Bann, N D'Mello, J Lesieh (respi), T Moore, J Hauck, J Royce, P McGuire, A Colcough, A Billison Umpirae: A McGuister (Northern Counties) and A Wooley (Southern Counties).

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## South Africans set date to play England

SOUTH Africa will play four rugby union games in England, including an interna-tional at Twickenham, in the autumn, if the executive committee of their newly-integrated governing body gives its

approval.

The new body, the South
African Rugby Football
Union (Sarfu), will not be formally launched until March 20, but plans are already being drawn up by its tours committee for ratification. When the Sarfu executive meets on February 22, it will be invited to approve an autumn schedule embracing an eight-match tour to France, including two inter-nationals, followed immediately by the four-match visit to England.

That executive meeting will also hear reports from the South African representatives who visit Sydney on February 15 for discussions with their opposite numbers from Australia, New Zealand and Argentina, which will include a projected southern-hemi-

sphere championship.
But the South Africans are concerned that their new tour itinerary should generate funds for a development programme in the townships.
"Our new body has no money at all and if we are to develop an integrated game, we need funds," Nic Labuschagne, Nic Labuschagne, the Natal president and a leading member of the Sarfu executive committee, said.

This embraces the concept proposed by Joe French, the Australian Rugby Union a proportion of the money generated by the 1991 World Cup should go towards the development of the game in South Africa, especially in the townships, and to provide facitities for coloured and black youngsters. The South Africans have in mind the possibility of gate-money from nominated tour games going towards such a development

The proposed date for an international with England is November 14, and the South Africans would also play England B. It is possible that such a match would persuade some England players to de-fer retirement from international rugby to play against the country which, with New Zealand, has historically dominated world rugby.

England's 38-9 victory over Ireland on Saturday brought from Philip Matthews, the Irish captain, the tribute that their performance was "probably the best of any side I have played against".

England lead the five nations' championship table after a victory which puts them half-way towards a second successive grand slam. Their next match is against France in Paris on February 15 and Philippe Selia, the French captain, admitted after Saturday's 12-9 win over Wales in Cardiff that England were "by far the best team in Europe.

"They are very strong and it will be hard for this young French team," Selia said. He denied that there would be thoughts of retribution from

his team after the aggression of the World Cup quarter-final in Paris. "We know each other well and have respect for each other. There will be no problems."

There were suggestion after the match in Cardiff that the French had flouted international Rugby Football Board regulations by making a tactical substitution at halftime, bringing on Olivier Roumat for Christophe Mougeot to bolster the lineout. Roumat could be seen warming up five minutes before Mougeot limped off, but John Davies, the Welsh Rugby Union doctor, con-firmed that the Bègles lock was suffering from a pulled calf muscle.

"I wasn't prepared to let Roumat take the field before I had examined Mougeot," Davies said. "But it was a genuine injury and his leg became swollen during Saturday night. It's so hard to tell with soft-tissue injuries. Pierre Berbizier [the French coach) said he was prepared

to continue with 14 men."

Alan Davies, the Weish coach, said that tactical replacements might be worth considering. "It would certainly prevent some of the accusations surrounding the game and would lead to some intriguing options with a squad of 21 players. It's difficult for the doctors at the moment, because there is no way you can stop a player leaving the field."

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Pointing the way: DeFreitas celebrates his dismissal of the New Zealand captain, Crowe, yesterday

## Rogue pitch takes a

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE calculated gamble of staging a Test match on a demonstrably sub-standard pitch backfired on New Zealand yesterday as England's bowlers, revelling in the con-ditions, all but settled the game with a day to spare.

New Zealand's ninth-wicket pair batted out the last 37 minutes of the fourth day at Eden Park but, with 180 runs still in hand, only a dramatic change of weather could logi-cally deprive England of their fourth successive Test victors and a winning 2-0 lead. giving them their first overseas series since 1987.

Leading by 61 on first innings, England then amas-sed 321, including 114 from the captain, Graham Gooch. New Zealand were left with the well-nigh impossible task of making 383 to win. a prospect which vanished completely when they lost their first three wickets for

Two of these went to leg-before decisions from balls barely rising shin-high on this roguish pitch. Bright green and unduly damp when the game began, by yesterday it had lost its colour. but developed some dangerous cracks from which the ball bounced at wildly differ-

ing heights.
It has been an inappropri-ate pitch for a Test match, as far removed from the recent trend of placid, draw-orientated surfaces in New Zealand as it is possible to imagine. Local observers have been astonished. Most expected the pitch to flatten out into a comfortable batting surface, something which has never been

Two New Zealanders Martin Crowe and Ken Rutherford, needed treatment for painful blows in the groin as balls spat from a good length; others, pitching in an almost identical spot, scuttled along the ground.

It had come as no surprise to the England squad that a result pitch was prepared for this game after New Zealand's heavy defeat in Christchurch. But after they lost the toss and collapsed to nine for three on the opening morning, Gooch's team showed its fighting qualities.

England's bowlers have. throughout the game, bowled a more demanding length and line than the opposition and, yesterday, Phillip De-Freitas, outbowled by Chris Lewis in the first innings. responded with three deserved wickets.

The pitch conditions have been defended by the New Zealand coach, Warren Lees, who said he had no knowledge of any prior planning. "I think our guys would have been pretty happy to see this pitch when they arrived here," he said. "I don't see there was any point in us playing for a draw."

ENGLAND: First traings 203 (D R Pringle 41: C L Caims 6 for 52). Second Insings 321 (G A Gooch 114, A J Lamb 60).

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Total (6 wids) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-7, 4-77, 5-109, 6-118, 7-153, 8-173, BOWLING: DeFreites 22-8-57-3; Lewis 23-2-77-2; Pringle 7-2-23-1, Turnell 17-5-45-2; Hick 1-1-0-0.

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## Teams fail to offer compulsive viewing

Aston Villa .....

BY STUART JONES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

A GAME plucked out of the first division's weekend programme for no good reason and shown live on television yesterday afternoon meandered aimlessly around Villa Park. Watched by just 17.451 spectators, the dub's second lowest League crowd of the season, it petered out to a predictably tame and incon-

sequential finish. The event could be a powerful argument against those who complain that too many

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Sunday shows cover only the leaders. At least their fixtures tend to be enriched by passion, meaningful incidents and vociferous audiences. Yesterday's lifeless display was all but devoid of interest.

Aston Villa, who had risen to fourth place before Christmas, have fallen back into comparative obscurity since. Apart from eliminating Tottenham Hotspur from the FA. Cup, they have not won any of their last six matches and have not even claimed a goal in their last five.

That dismal sequence was only twice under threat. Tony Daley, with his blistering speed, fashioned both their openings with low crosses which fell to Dwight Yorke, a West Indian whose reliability in front of goal is usually His first attempt, in the

sixteenth minute, was deflected by Neville Southail. His second, in the 53rd, beat Everton's goalkeeper but struck Martin Keown, who was stationed on the line, and nudged the foot of a post. Villa's front line, a combination of power and pace, was otherwise held securely.

So was Everton's, which has the relative stature of a row of dwarves. Incongruously, they continued to line up with two wingers, Peter Beagrie and Pat Nevin, whose crosses are inevitably futile. By the time they have engineered another method of supply, their colleagues are invariably heavily guarded. Everton, knocked out of the

Att: 17,451. Ref: P Don Home League record v Everton: P 76, W 36, D 16, L 24 HT: 0-0. ASTON VILLA 0 **EVERTON 0** Scorers: Olney 76 (Regis) Werzyche 59 (Beardelov **ASTON VILLA** EVENTOR Corners (left/right) Crosses (left/right) AUTON VILLA (4-4-2) front of goal, with four shots. Froggett was the only ray of light on a dull home side performance, which included 21 crosses, seven of

FA Cup by Chelsea last weekend, might still have improved their recent record of one win in seven games. Beagrie, for instance, almost opened the way for Nevin in the first half with a distant drive which Les Sealey could only parry. Some ten minutes from the end. Nevin created a more glaring opportunity for Tony Cottee, who aimed his

shot directly at Sealey. The rest of the game, staged on a parchwork of a pitch, remained only momentarily in the memory. Steplien Froggatt is unlikely to forget it; though. Selected by Ron Atkinson for only the second time in his career, he was voted man of the match.

## **C** postpones voting decision

FROM DAVID MILLER IN COURCHEVEL

MANCHESTER and other cities bidding for the Olympic Games of 2000 will have to wait until the Games in Barcelona this summer to know the voting system when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) determines the hosts at Monte Carlo next

The IOC executive board, meeting here yesterday before tomorrow's Session, again deferred putting forward exact proposals to the members. The board had discussed this complex and controversial issue, which indirectly has brought the IOC worldwide criticism over the past few years, at their last meeting, in Lausanne before Christmas, when they also failed to reach a conclusion.

The further delay will cause some confusion for bidding cities, not knowing the pre-cise terms under which they are competing.

If new regulations are to apply for the vote in 1993, they will have to be decided at the Session in Barcelona. Yesterday, it was decided

that the special committee of Keba Masaye, of Senegal, and Keval Gosper, of Australia, both vice-presidents, and Francois Carrard, would look further at means of finding able to members while reduc-

which controversially lost last year's campaign for 1996 to Atlanta, should bid again for 2000. Such a decision, however, has to be made by the Hellenic ... Committee: It was decided yesterday that host cities will be prohib-

ited from visiting IOC members in their own countries other than in exceptional circumstances of ill health.

The assistance given by the Solidarity Fund to National Olympic Committees competing in the Winter Games. which start in the Savoie Alps on Saturday, is \$1.8 million (about £1 million), a substantial slice helping those new ing the level of public participants from Latvia, Slo-

The board wishes to reduce

the flagrant waste of money

by bidding cities and, at the

same time, to close the loop-

holes for alleged bribery be-

tween members and cand-

idate cities. The board knows

that the members are unlikely

to vote for a proposal that would end their right to de-

It was confirmed yesterday

that the candidates are at

present Berlin, Peking.

Brazilia, Istanbul, Manchester, Milan and Syd-

ney. There is as yet no sign of

a renewed bid by Athens.

Two weeks ago, the Greek

minister of sport said publicly

that he considered Athens,

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cide on the host city.

## Britain salvage hope from the cup wreckage

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN BAYONNE

THE last rites were administered to Britain's Davis Cup tennis challenge in Bayonne yesterday, the 5-0 whitewash at the hands of France being predictable enough, the manner of it less so.

Defeat for Jeremy Bates and Neil Broad in the doubles on Saturday had assured the champions of a secondround place against Switzerland in March, and condemned Britain to a long and frustrating wait before they discover their own fate. But, or see your local travel agent or motoring organisation. | for a team in danger of being

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swept away. Britain have provided stubborn resistance over the course of this tie. Only yesterday, when pride alone was at stake, did the gulf in class become more perceptible, Bates and Mark Petchey losing the reverse singles to Guy Forget and Henri Leconte, respectively. in straight sets. Overall, just for once, the

notion of gallant defeat so beloved in British sport was more than just a misplaced excuse for inadequacy. For moments in each of the two singles on the opening day, and the doubles, Forget and Leconte were reduced to the level of irate mosquito-swat-

refused to leave the Davis Cup champions in peace.
"I asked for 100 per cent

from my team and they gave me 150 per cent." Tony Pickard, the British team captain, said. "I could not ask for any more from them."-For once, too, the post-mortem can be set aside in favour of a more positive look at the future. Problems remain, notably in the weak-ness of our club system and the allorrage of promising jumiors, but if Bates and Petchey can transfer the spirit of their performances for com-

try to the daily grind of the

son why two or three British players should not achieve. respectability by breaking into the top 100 by the end of the year.

One nagging fear is that, when left to his own devices. Petchey, for one, lacks the confidence which Pickard's presence provides in the Davis Cup. But, unless he can arrange a squad session over the next few months, Pickard will not see his team again until the relegation play-off match in September.

When the team does reconvene, the benefits of the past three days should be reflected in the improved rankings of Bates, Petchey and Chris-

Wilkinson. Quite what task Britain will have then will not be determined until the mmer. Whoever the opposition, a home draw is essential, because an away tie, particularly against a strong clay court team, would almost certainly be fatal. Strong tennis nations like Spain, defeated surprisingly heavily by Italy, and Germany, who were upset by Brazil when Boris Becker was forced to pull out of his second singles match with heatstroke, also have to face

a play-off match to stay in the world group.

In the meantime, the International Tennis Federation

will have to look closely at rescheduling its first-round dates next year. While upsets like the defeat of the world No. 1, Stefan Edberg, by Daniel Nestor, of Canada, ranked 235, are the essence of the competition, the top players have only two or three days to prepare themselves after the end of the Australian Open.

RESULTS (French restnes first): H Leconte to J Betes, 46, 64, 62, 64; G Forget bit M Petubey, 46, 63, 63, 63; Forget and Leconte bit Bates and N Broad, 63, 64, 65, 76; Forget bit Bates, 52, 64; Leconte bit Petubey, 61, 62

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Rogue Pitch takes

beautiful cars ever made, two of

the structure, texture and detail of myth: unlikely origins followed by a heroic youth, while a manbood of distinction fades into a melan-

Jaguar was the creation of an ambitious, talented misfit called William Lyons, in whose soul artistry vied with salesmanship. Born into a Blackpool business called Lyons' Music and Pianoforte Warehouse, he began making Swallow sidecars just before his 21st birthday. By 1927 Swallow was packaging custom bodies for the Austin 7. On the back of an order from Henly's for 500 of this pert little special, Lyons established himself as a wheels-up car manufacturer. Swallow Sidecars evolved into SS which Lyons, mindful of the parallel activities of a different SS elsewhere in Europe, changed to Jaguar in 1935. He took the name from a first world war Armstrong-

Every Jaguar design is a classic. but classic status is only ever achieved from success in racing (which is why the Japanese, whose cars lack nothing except cachet, are so anxious to succeed on the circuits). In the 1950s Jaguar won Mans" five times in C and D-Types designed by Malcolm Say-

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## Feminine beauty of a feral beast

Stephen Bayley reports on the latest low-slung model of Britain's sexiest car, and the hopes and fears driving its launch

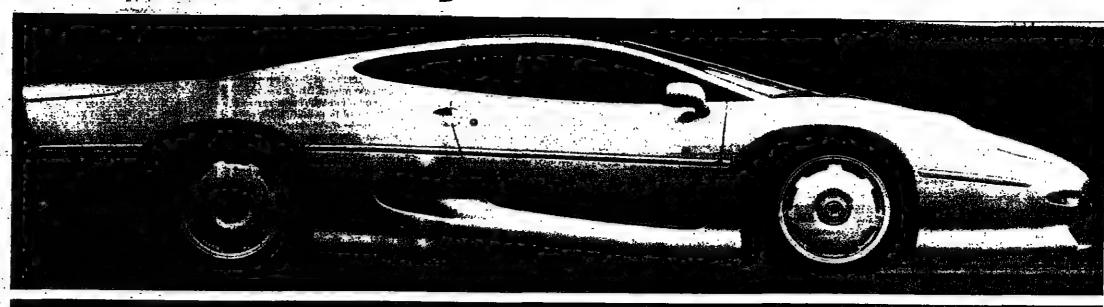
and Track, an American magazine, were polled on the most the final shortlist were Jaguars: the ineffably phallic E-Type (1961) and the definitively elegant XJ6

The Jaguar corporate story has choly middle age only to achieve an astonishing revival in later life.

Siddeley aircraft engine Like Enzo Ferrari, a cunning peasant-mechanic, Lyons was not a trained designer himself, but one of those magical people capable of inspiring and synthesising other people's details into a magnificent whole. Jaguars were not Mercedes Benzes, but cars conceived by a salesman of genius: there was a strong element of lash-up and make-do, of intuition backed up by borrowing from aerospace aes-

thetics and technology. The XK 120 was the first sensational Jaguar. Using an engine conceived by Lyons and his colleagues while on fire watch in Coventry, this astonishingly beautiful car (whose looks were a redrafting of the pre-war BMW 328, with its swooping curves and mammary mudguards) was launched in October 1948. The following May, in an event as important to the history of PR as to engineering, a stripped-down XK120 did 132mph before journalists flown into the Jabbeke highway, a primal Euro motorway near Dunkirk. It was established that Jaguars were fast.

e "Vingt-quatre heures du er, a professional aerodynamicist.





Top: the XJ220, epitome of Jaguar tradition, now an image-builder for Ford; the first 350 production cars will be delivered this summer. Above: the XJR9 - Jaguar has always depended on racing

The racing cars of the Fifties led directly to the famous E-Type of 1961, a technical and commercial triumph certainly, but one whose design manages to distil animal spirit and mechanical necessity into a morphology both ravishing-

ly beautiful and meaningful. All Jaguars have the grace and hint of aggression possessed by wild animals, a sense of muscle under the skin. It is revealing how the vocabulary used to describe Jaguar design continuously relies on natural metaphors: indeed. evolution is the key to Japuar styling, but the XJ6 was the last, if the most complete, expression of Lyons as a carmaker. In 1966 he made the fateful decision to sell

out to BMC. In the melancholy history of British industrial decline there are few episodes so depressing as the descent of Jaguar, first into British Motor Holdings, then Into British Leyland Motor Holdings and then into Leyland Cars, a tragic farce choreographed by Tony Benn's terrifying MinTech. Jaguars ap-peared with hideous plastic Ley-land badges and foul details sourced from the Austin-Morris parts bin. Sir William Lyons was himself not above a bit of inspired lifting, but this was destructive low

church parsimony. Just as the memories of glory at Le Mans were fading, Jaguars were achieving reliability factors close to zero. All the magnificent image-building work done by the racers and the sump of memory remaining from Sayer's glorious shapes and Lyons's showroom inspirations was being rapidly eroded by the familiar sights of

Marina-coloured XJ6s with trim hanging off and sparking on the

Then, in conformity to the expectations of myth, a white knight appeared. In the Camelot of the Thatcher decade there was no knight whiter than John Egan, who dragged Jaguar from the swamp of state ownership into its 1983 privatisation. The demoralised workforce was mightgingered-up and suppliers who

had grown comfortable selling garbage to Jaguar were made responsible for failures. Mr Egan introduced competitiveness and Quality Control. He invested in research and development. By the mid-1980s, Jaguars were even appearing with high specification German components. A business school case study of decline and fall had been translated into an example of dollig it right."

reliability, and lost their raffishness. The XJ6 was Mrs Thatcher's preferred vehicle. When in 1989 1 opened The Design Museum she asked me why we did not have one in the permanent collection. I was going to explain, but events overtook both of us . . . and Jaguar.

Mr Egan's achievements were very real, but too much in Camelot was built on sand. While Jaguar regained quality, morale and im-

money. Sure, the figures all looked magnificent in the blinding light of say, 1985, but they could not sustain close scrutiny.

In business terms, Jaguar was perilously dependent on one mod-el (the 1986 XJ40) and one market (the United States). One blip in demand and, despite sophisticated foreign currency hedging, Jag-uar looked vulnerable. Worse, it could not generate enough revedevelopment of new cars whose cost is routinely in the billions.

Jaguar was busking it, something which Ford discovered when it bought Jaguar for \$2.56 billion in

All big manufacturers have found trophy brands: General Motors has Saab, Fiat has Alfa Romeo, and Ford wanted Jaguar for access to premium markets. To some this marriage may seem incongruous, but for all his flamboyance, Sir William Lyons ran his business with a very sharp pencil and it is nicely appropriate that Jaguar, with its tradition of inspirational getting-by, is now owned by the Universal Masters of Manufacturing and Marketing.

It is a delicate situation: Ford needs to make Jaguar more profitcheapening what made it valuable in the first place: image. The official line is that Ford reviews Jaguar's business plans, but engi-neering and design are independent. It is significant that under new ownership, the extraordinary XJ220, conceived in the optimism and independence of the early 1980s with a fine disregard for rationality, has been sanctioned

for limited production: the first 350 production cars will be delivered this summer.

The appearance of this quintessential image-building exercise has been the responsibility of Geoff Lawson, a Royal College of Art graduate who joined Jaguar from Vauxhall in 1984. Mr Lawson is keenly aware of his responsibilities of moving Jaguar forward, while not departing from Jaguar design: the cars must have a sense of movement, even when stationary: they must be feminine. but not effeminate: the radii must follow the natural inclinations of bent metal; the wheels and tyres and wheel wells are all large, with very little sheet metal above the rubber, to give the cars an impressive and tense feral stance; the glasshouse must have a certain formal relationship to the rest of the car, to give an impression of

sitting in it. The XJ220 may not have the original beauty of the E-Type or the XJ6, but it is a remarkable machine which confirms two things: first, the power of cars to move us, body and soul, even in these uncertain times; and secondly, that Ford believes in Jaguar. The only part missing from this myth is the resurrection of Sir William Lyons.

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ot everyone leaves their workplace for the last time with a neckful of sherry and a carriage-clock. Last week the eyes of the nation - at least of all hirers, firers, sackers, sackees, chuckers-out and flouncers-out were riveted upon the louche case of Laura Watson's Last Day. Mrs Watson is the Maidstone solicitor who, upon being dismissed, alleged that her employers behaved like "toads". She says she was supervised as she emptied her office drawers, then frogmarched - or perhaps toad-marched, or at least unwillingly escorted -- by two partners and the personnel manager to her company car a quarter of a mile away, where she was divested of its keys. Mrs Watson didn't like this, hence the slander

The case ended in failure before the defence could say much, so we shall never know everything about what seethes behind the prim facades of Kentish legal practices.

kind of dignity."

## Sack me with some dignity — please

But it doesn't matter. Mrs Watson's anger struck a chord. because while fear of the sack is one thing - we can all live with that - far worse is the prospect that the sack might be swift and dramatic. That all the comforting, familiar little structures of everyday working life will be shattered at one sweeping blow, in public. We have all heard murmurings in the lift, hushed as if after a death: 'He came in at nine, went to see Gerald, by half past he'd cleared his desk." We shudder, imagining the squalid disgrace of the moment: not having a suitcase handy, having to stuff Tesco carriers with case. She had hoped, she said pathetic personal things like halfplaintively. "to leave with some finished packets of paracetamol, electric razors, silly posters, one's office cardigan. We see the stricken faces of colleagues, pretending to be busy in the other corner of the room: imagine the dilemma of

what to do about a computer disc containing an eclectic muddle of working documents and letters to one's mother and headhunter; we see ourselves out on the pavement with a rubber-plant under one

arm at ten-thirty in the morning.
If we then slide deeper into the nightmare we arrive at the scene in Evelyn Waugh's The Loved One when Sir Francis Hinsley finds his office re-labelled "Lorenzo Medici" and a swarthy young man inside saying: "Everything seems kinda screwy around here. I've spent half the morning clearing junk out of this room."

Sir Francis accosts his boss, who says: "Why, Frank, mighty nice of you to look us up. I appreciate that. I do, really. Come again. Come often, Frank."



Winners: Jaguar finished first (with the C-type No 18), second and fourth in the 1958 Le Mans

WORKING LIFE: Libby Purves on the etiquette of the elbow

"Where do I work?" says the victim, and "Well, now see here. Frank; that's a thing I want very much to talk to you about, but I haven't time right now."

I always took that as poetic licence, until I met an old man who worked in Los Angeles in the 1930s and claimed that he once came back from holiday to find his office door actually bricked up (although in fairness, the point he was making was that he preferred this attitude to the modern craze for outplacement counselling and relocation therapy and euphemisms like "We're letting you go." You knew where you were with

bricks, he felt).

But how do we want to go? Farewell parties are fine, provided your divorce from this particular job is natural and mutual. The main hardship falls upon colleagues who have to think of something amusing to write in your leaving card, and on whoever gets to trudge round John Lewis looking for a salad bowl costing precisely £8.36, that being the

total of the whip-round. Even if you hate leaving rituals, never underestimate their murky emotional importance. It is now eleven years since I left the Radio 4 Today programme, where for seven years I had contributed to salad bowls in a tribally close and happy office. Unfortunately, I was the last of a spate of other departures including the editor, so everyone was too fed up even to remember to sign a card. I was the first person ever to pass out of that office without ritual, and the shaming, incredible fact is that I still resent it. It is a missing rite of passage, unfinished

business, unburied dead. Sackings, redundancies and easings-out, however, leave a problem for both sides. Managements want a quick severance, preferably without sabotage. Their victims

The boss wants to hang around

to ensure that the departing one does not vengefully dial the New York speaking clock or plant gremlins in the software: the victim wants a chance to impress himself on colleagues as a wronged and tragic figure, not a

buffoon with a carrier bag. We want to make heroic little speeches to the faithful, like Sidney Carton on the guillotine or Charlie Haughey at Fianna Fail HQ. When Desmond Wilcox left the BBC in not unstormy circumstances, he gathered the staff round, and some of them cried. Then one disciple said: "Oh Desmond, what will you do?" And he said: "There is a tree-stump in my

garden. I am going to dig it up."
Mr Wilcox has, of course, done more than OK since. So I rang him up and asked whether there really was a stump, and whether he dug it up. "There was and I did." he replied. "It took ten days. After that I knew what to do next."

> TOMORROW Mid Life: Neil Lyndon

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Calin, Re Playhouse Theatre, 11-12 Be Street, Oxford (0865 798600), 7,30pm. ANNE SOFIE VON OTTER: The appealing younger singers, together with her plantst Helmut Deutsch, give with her pastist Hearth Deutsch, give an recital of Grieg and both Gustav and Alma Mahler. Those cutaide the capital can listen live on BBC Radio 3. St John's, Smith Square, London SW (071-222 1061), 1pm

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JOHN WILLIAMS: The celebrated guitants (gives a solo performance of quitants (gives a solo performance of works by Ville-Lobos, Vivaldi, Granados and Albeniz. Symphony Hall, Broad Street, Barningham (Q21-212 3333), 7.30pm.

BIRTHDAY: The all-female
Cholmondeleys and the all-maile
Featherstonehaughs get together in a
new dence project by choreographer
Les Anderson. Using influences
ranging from movies to music helt, rock
gigs to cabares. Strinday promises to
"wittily subvert audience expectations
of a dance performance". The show
receives its premiere in Lelcester before
is national four. BIRTHDAY: The all-female Procest Arts Contro, 11 Nemarke Street, Lakcester (0533 554854), 7.30pm.

☑ BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anoulth's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry II Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SWI (071-930 8800), Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mats Wed, Set, 3pm 165mins.

ELOCO WEDDING: Loren's m eLDOO wiscount in Cuba but the excusi passion is thin: bloodless Lorae. National (Cotresion), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2522), Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, met Wed, 2.30pm, 120mins.

I THE CABINET MINISTER: DWW Namno and Maureen Lipmen in a snab-bish, largely unturny Pinero comedy. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mate Wed, Set, 3pm. 150mins.

III THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Harlest nights: Impression of the Harrem naphages, high on energy, low on story freshrees, Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-636 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Set. 8pm, mets Wed, 2.30pm, Set. 4pm, 150mlms. D DANCING AT LUGHNASIA: Brisin Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play, set in 1930s Donegal. Gerrick, Chering Cross Road, WC2 (071-494-5085). Mon-Set, Spm, mete Thure, Spm, Set, 4pm, 150mins.

O AN EVENING WITH SARY LINEKER: Sometimes droil look at the fundament a voyage married to g Social Publishers, Call and Page Street, WC2 (07)-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, Spm, Frl, Set, Spm and 8.45pm. 130mms.

FAITH HEALER: Stirring performances in Brien Friel's early play (four monologues) exploring a healer's deuths and sporadic powers.

Royal Court, Steene Square, SW1 (371-733 1745), Mon-Sat, Sprn, mat Sat, Arm, 2016 light

III THE GIGLI CONCERT: Berry
Foster is obsessed with making an irish
millionaire (Tony Doyle) into the new
Gigft in Tom Murphy's powerful table.
Almeids, Almeids Street, N1 (071-359
4404). Mon-Sat, Spm, mat Sat, 4pm. Satisfying musical celebrating

**NEW RELEASES** 

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BLACK ROBE (15): Seventments
cantury Jesuit (Lotheire Bluteau) trise to
convert Indians in northern Quebec.
Intelligent epic from Brian Moore's
novel, Director, Bruce Bernsford.
MBM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza
(071-497 9996).

DOUBLE IMPACT (18): Jeen-Claude Van Damme, the "muscles from Brussele", as two twin brothers righting wrongs in Hong Kong, Lame action movie. Director, Sheldon

Lettich. Odeon Marble Arch (0426 614501) Plaza (071-487 9999). HORS LA VIS (15): Masterly account of a French hostage's sie in the tunnell of Beirut. Hippotyte Ginardot; director, Martini Baptice.

Marmin Bagdied Cennon Tottenham Court Road (071-836 8148) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772). LIFE ON A STRING: Chinam hab music and fuscious images, ferever hovering on the brink of allegory. Initiating film from Yallow Earth director

Inflating film from Yellow Ear Chen Keige. ICA Cinema (071-930 3847). MY GIRL (PG): Teeth-grating bland of the teen angul and middle-aced m: sund (rus): leath-graing bland i pre-teen anget and middle-aged romance; Macautay Cultin gets his first klass. With Anna Chilamisay, Dan Aykroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Howard Zleff. Odeon Leicester Squere (0428 915820).

CURRENT

♦ THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG): Tasky least of black humour, inspired by the 1909 TV spin-off from Charles Addams's macabre cartoons. Starring Raul Julia. Anjetica Huston, Christopher Lloyd; director, Barry Sonnerfied.

FODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

GISELLE: The Royal Ballet's principal dancers Sylvie Guillem and Laurent Histore take the leading roles in Peter Wright's production of one of the most famous beliefs of the Romantic err. The ballet tells the story of Giselle, a gentle peasant get driven to her grave by the betrayal of her aristocratic love Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), 7 30pm. GIORGIO MORANDI: ETCHINGS:

GIUPIGIO Imp. - Litterial questude much of his 74 years penting and his 74 years penting an counting meaning arrangements to bottles and jars on a table-top, or tendecapes from his immediate vicinity round Bologna. In the years 1927 to 1934 he had a great outburst of storing activity, and most of his 135 known subdety. Tate Gallery, Milibank, London SW1 (071-821 1313), Mon-Sat, 10em-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until Sunday.

ANTONI TAPIES: Since 1947, white he first started to make reinter the ANTON TAPLES SINCE 1947, while first strated to make prints, the senior Spanish abstractionist has been almost as importantly a print-maker as repetiter. The long series of prints he has made in virtually every available medium chrescod in 1951 with a series of "Monumental Prints", large in size (up to 200 x 300cm) and imposing in their magery. This is the first showing at the annes in Britain.

Radfern Gestery, 20 Cork Street,
Lendon W1 (071-734 1732). Mon-Fr.,
10am-5pm, Sat, 10am-12.30pm, until

Sests at all prices

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I PHANTON OF THE OPERA:

by Offenbech, Verdi and Weber but

by Unespect, version and weder but not Lloyd Webber. Sheltesbury, Shefteebury Avenue, WC2 (071-579 5399), Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8,30pm, mete Thure, 3pm, Set, Spm. 150mhs.

THE HESSTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO Ut: Emphatically menecing "Hitler" portrait by Antony Sher in Di Trevis's strong production of Brecht, National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight-Thurs, 7.18pm,

THE RIDE DOWN MT MORBAN:

Arthur Miler's disespointingly one-aided play where Torn Conti ergues the case for bigumy, Wyodham's, Charling Crima Rued, WC2 (071-867 1118). Mon-Set, 7.30pm, mate Thura, Set, 2.30pm, 180mins.

SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve einger-denours whiri through the music

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of

films in London and (where indicated with the symbol (\*) on release across the country.

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→ M.A.MB IT ON THE BELL BOY (12) Mistaken identities in Venice, Impersonal, machine-boiled, old-fashioned farce. With Ducley Moore, Richard Griffiths. Patsy Kenett. Writer-director, Mark Hermen.
Camonas: Chelese (071-382 5086) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeone. Kensingson (0426 914666) West End (0428 915574) Writeleye (071-792 3332).

♦ COUPE DE VILLE (12): Three

warring brothers travel cross-country in a 1954 Cardillac, Breazy bland of road movie, male-bonding cornedy, and 1960s nostalgia. With Patrick Dempsey, Arya Gross, Daniel Siam; director, Joe Roth. Carnons: Fulham Road (071-370 2336) Tothersham Court Road (071-338 8140).

DELICATESSEN (15): French video whozzidde Jeumet and Caro's wonderfully bizzere fantaxy ebout a touseful of tenents living above a camibalistic butcher. Dominique Pinon, Marie-Latire Dougnac. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-435 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

CI PAINTING CHURICHESE Gan Philips (excellent) and Lease Philips a an alderly Boston couple, Josie Lawrence their artistic daughter in a quietly touching family play. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenus, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, Sprin, mate Wed, Set, Spril. 120mins.

and Styles pop classics. Great stuff, Strend, Aldwych, WC2 (071-240 0300) Mon-Trurs, Sprn, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, 2.15mins,

return of Mary J. O'Melley's romping somety about convent girls growing up between nurse and teddy boys.

Tricycle, 269 Kilbum High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Set, 8pm, met Set, and Set, Set Scholes State upset.

pi Duke Ellington. Obvious routines . cannot disguise the true rueful Duke. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5085). Mon-Fri, Spm, Sat, 6.30pm. THEATRE GUIDE Jaremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London

House full, returns only

HAMLET: Thesis Clwyd in Toby

Nature: I maint Crity or I coy
Robertson's fine production of
Shakespeare, with the excellent
Genetat Wyn Devies in the leading role.
Last stop in a rationwide tour.
Theatre Royal, New Road, Brighton
(0273-29485), 7-30pm.

THE MISER: Tom Courteney brings his brand of dead-panicking comedy to Molite's play, in this good-hamoured production by Braham Murray, with a new translation by Robert Cogo-

new translation by Robert Cogo-Fawcett. A strong cast includes Polly James. The production is on tour unit early April, with dates at Darlington, Edinburgh and Chichester to follow. Theatra Royal, Sawclose, Bath (0225 448844), 7.30pm.

LIAISONS DANGEREUSES: The

directs; sumptuous 18th-century designs by Bob Crowley. Festival Titestre, Oxidends Park, Checkess (0243 781312), 7 30

JAMES MODITY: The winti-swophorist and fleutist begins a wee long residency in Birmingham before moving to Florate's in London peed

moving to Rornle's in London need week. Moody was a member of the Dizzy Gittespia Big Band (1946-48) and has also recorded with trumpeter Howard McChea and with spinonist Milt Jackson. In 1948 he made his recording debut as a teater. James Moody and his Boy Men. Local Birmingham singer Densab Darmond (in the style of Anita Baker), provides support.

Royal Shakespeare Congately in a touring production of Christopher Hampton's celebrated adaptation of the Lacios novel about the sexual power gernes of the Parlatan anstocracy in pre-Revolutionary France. Stephen Dobbin directir sumptives: Stephen Dobbin directir sumptives: Stephen Dobbin

☐ A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two planists in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's wit and very meladies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9967), Mon-Fri, 6pm, Sat, 8.30pm, make Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 5.30pm, 140mms,

TALKING HEADS: PIECE Routledge and Alan Bennett excellent in three of his monologues charting the unconscious humour and pain of Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045), Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

DIA TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES
BROTHERS: Lively perade of tuneful
ciddes. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867
1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, 8st,
8.15pm and 9pm, 120mins.

Generation: Ambassaciors (071-836 6111) . . . . . . The Woman in Bleck Fortune (071-836 2238). Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Treatre

♦ FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15): Short-order cook (Al Pacino) course a wary weterse (Alchelle Pfeiffer). Synthetic adaptation of Yerrenos Mokelly's play, Director, Gerry Macchell

ulham Road (071-370 2636) rocadero (071-434 0031) Passa

JPK (15), Oliver troop's contentious, electrifying, three-hour drains about the Kennedy executives, Kerin Communication, Communication,

crusading D.A. Juli Germani, a busing supporting cast. Barbican (071-526 5891) Camden Parkway (071-527 7034) Camon Pulham Road (071-370 2359) Empire (071-467 9939) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) MGM Trocaders (074-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-228 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332). DLAME IT ON THE BELLBOY (12):

LIFE IS SWEET (18): Mike Leigh is droit, farcical, eward-winning comedy about a North London family a ups and downs. Starring Affect Steedman.

Double-billed with Rith-Raff. Premiers (071-439 4470).

LITTLE MAN TATE (PG): How and how not to rear a child prodigy. An engaging young player (Adam Hennisyrd) and senable direction (Jodie Foster) sasily offset the facilie

Cannon Chelses (071-352 5095)
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Kensington (0426 914886) Screen on
Baker Street (071-335 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3332). MRSSISSIPP! MASALA (15): Indiana displaced from Uganda to Mississippl feet over race and young lova. Sharp Insights, but sogy at the centre. Sharing Sarits Choudhury, Denzel Washington. Director, Mira Nair. Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

PURF-RAFF (15): Welcome return of Ken Loech's marvellous, scrufty "slice of life" portraft of a building-eite crew; voted "European Film of the Year", Double-billed with *Life is Sweet*. Premiere (071–438 4470).

## Tastefully understated triumph

ROCK

**Eric Clapton Brighton Centre** 

ON THE Albert Hall's list of attractions Eric Clapton's now annual residencies are beginning to rival the Promenade concert season. That says much about his quiet ascendancy to the upper-most ranks of Britain's rock aristocracy. 24 Nights, the title of a current live LP recorded there during 1990 and 1991, tells this story with fetching under-statement: no other performer has achieved tso many consecutive performances there, let alone with a varying supporting cast ranging from a clutch of blues "legends" to the full might of a symphony orchestra.

Having thus issued a commercial challenge to everyone from Prince to Pavarotti, this ultimate guitar hero has opted to take it relatively easy in 1992. A stadium tour with Elton John is promised for the summer, but the current run of solo appearances that includes dates in Birmingham, Sheffield and Glasgow plus a mere 12 evenings in the red plush heart of Kensington, kicked off with this relative rarity: Saturday's one-night stand on a fog-shrouded south coast.

Taking the stage in the kind of sober suit which, one suspects, represents the highest price-tag in Bond Street, Clapton established an immediate and dominating trinity with guitarist Andy Fairweather Low and hassist Nathan East, together leading a near faultless band that also included Steve Ferrone (drums), Chuck Leavell (keyboards), Ray Cooper (percussion) and the always sympathetic duo of Tessa Niles and

Katie Kissoon on backing vocals. As the set unfolded to highlight. Clapton's all-but-peerless mastery of

THERE was no need to hear Tori

Amos's lyrics to realise that her songs

deal with some uncomfortable emo-

tions. Just to witness her extraordi-

nary posture on stage last Wednesday night would have been enough.

Perched at a baby grand plano sideways-on, she squirmed on the

edge of a stool, her legs stretched wide apart, so that her left foot controlled

the loud pedal, while her right foot

wandered as far in the opposite

direction from the piano as her limbs

would allow. Imagine Kate Bush attempting one of her sinewy dance

routines, but with her hands mana-

This was the first British show by

Amos, the singer-songwriter from Washington DC, whose estimable

album Little Earthquakes has risen

high in the British chart. But what

cled to a keyboard.

reminded constantly of how appealing his relative modesty can be. Dipping only sparingly into the past to offer up sparkling, muscular versions of "I Shot The Sheriff" or "Badge", he achieved his impressive authority via a kind of "less is more" logic. Helped by a palpable audience sympathy, the warmly acoustic pair of new songs, "Circus Left Town" and Tears in Heaven" - memorials to his four-year-old son, Conor, that required no weebal dedication — provided intense emotional high-lights. A brooding "Old Love" and the surprisingly rich version of Wonder-z ful Tonight prosaic and dan-gerously close to sentimental on record, built on this quiet

blues and rock idioms, one was

Clapton celebrates his 47th birthday late next month. There are others of his generation who have survived the vagaries of time and public taste to continue to make music, but few who have grown older with similar grace and distinction. Not for Clapton the embarrassing leather trousers or the distressing rock-god poses. Only the inclusion within the concert programme of a photograph of Sue Lawley, previewing a forthcoming Granada TV interview encounter between the two; reminded one that he may not be entirely

On stage, the spell remained unbroken, however, right through to the extended version of "Sunshine Of Your Love", which brought the evening to a climactic close after more than two hours. Stoic and understated. Clapton still manages consistently to achieve a rare double: he combines an extraordinary abundance of talent with quiet good taste. That is as much as can be asked of

ALAN JACKSON



Sober-suited Eric Clapton at Brighton on Saturday night

#### Venom at full stretch

Tori Amos Shaw Theatre

sort of personality was behind a work of such glowering intensity, and would she be able to recreate the brittle combination of passion and

precision in live performance? As well as the arch, head-tossing mannerisms, Amos also demonstrated certain Bush-like foibles in her singing style. She has a tendency to warble, and is much given to sudden shifts from the middle register into a souring soprano, causing the melo-dies of her songs to take off like corks from champagne bottles.

But whereas Bush often seems fey and whimsical, Amos's lyrics are anchored by an underlying feminine venom, and it was with a certain hard relish that she essayed the anger and pain of a woman not to be trifled with. The theme of bleeding, both literally and metaphorically, got a repeated airing, while various feckless lovers were berated for failings of one sort or

Wearing flared blue jeans and sitting alone in a pool of white light. Amos had a distinctly lascivious quality to her performance, accentu-

ated by her red lips and lustrous mane of red hair. "Look I'm standing naked before you, don't you want more than my sex?" she demanded in the first line of "Leather", a song exploring the mechanics of fetishism and lust.

And she mustered a harrowing authority on "Me and a Gun" where she sang, a cappella, of the thoughts flashing through the mind of a woman who is being raped. Amos's piano playing was a constant delight, and the show had its

lighter moments — a jokey version of Led Zeppelin's "Whole Lona Love" and a rather touching arrangement the Jagger/Richards ballad 'Angie" — but this was generally a performance of stark mood and dark satisfaction.

DAVID SINCLAIR

#### In pursuit of power

..THEATRE Hard Boys in White Shirts/Dicing with Death

Lyric Studio, Hammersmith 1

THE fall-out from the Edinburgh Festival still descends. Two successes have arrived at Hammersmith under the auspices of Risk Theatre, one a briskly sardonic parable of political piracy, the other a jolly romp engag-

ingly performed. Hard Boys in White Shirts charts the rise of one Harold Kopf, head of an agency of heavies (we are frisked as we enter the auditorium), who undertake tricky business to order murder, fraud, embezzlement, arson, advertising — and, by compiling incriminating facts about his clients, notably a homosexual politician, manipulates his way to power. We finally glimpse him haranguing the press as

he promises to show us the way to our great British destiny.

For white shirts read black. This is a resistible rise of dictatorship in the age of apathy. The style is formal, literate, and self-mocking: a touch of Joe Orton. The humour is ironic. when Kopf attributes his influence over the police, judiciary and gentry

to his impeccable respectability, the paradox is Gilbertian. There is even a poem in fine pastiche Brecht, with the refrain: "Fish always begins to stink at the head, my friend."

Ultra-cynical maxims on political evils are agreeable enough when delivered tongue in cheek, but porten-tous when delivered seriously. Nell Dudgeon's production is swift and flip, the furniture on David Kavanagh's minimal set (a free standing doorway, inspiring a gag about the unfinished wall) moved in dance rhythm to rock music. Brian Jordan is outstanding as a hired thug, but then as the author he should be. There is a credibility gap between the caricabure and the ultimate grim warning, but some of the jokes are effective.

Dancing with Death is set in an isolated house where two members of St Oswald's Dramatic And Musical Society (SODAMS) are preparing a 20th anniversary dinner. The actress playing the Virgin Mary in their dra-matisation of the gospel story chokes to death on a bobble from her hat: Judas is hanged in his own fishnet stockings and the director is poisoned by envenomed liquorice all-sorts. Other murders recall the violent deaths in the inaugural production two decades before, but the plucky cooks-cum-thesps survive. All of this is rather endearing, thanks to Paul Cawley who can sound like Alan Bennett at his most motherly, and Kate Copstick, pure Morningside as she blends her pate.

MARTIN HOYLE

#### Haggis country

THEATRE

Fantasy Island Old Red Lion, Islington

A CABARET twosome, one little and one large, construct their personas according to a definite rule. Either the fat one bullies the weedy one, claiming to know everything but generally raistaken, or the live-wire little one bosses the big lump who is sullen, stubborn or anarchic. Laurel and Hardy are the prototype of the first; the Alexander Sisters' — "Scotland's Queens of Comedy" — follow the second path and are quite funny, though only quite, because "humpism" is not a joke that stays merry throughout a whole evening.

True sisters they cannot be, though they present themselves as non-identical twins. Carolyn Bonnyman, playing Alma, is the dinky drummajorette type: her shoes are dainty, she first appears in a filmy pink peignoir and then in a white slip with tartan sash. Her hair is neat, the tilt of her head is confident; she is the sort of girl who was once a poppet, charming grown-ups with word-perfect recita-tions and a precocious smile. In fearful contrast comes Lynn

Ferguson's Morag, a walking disaster

in-plaid. Her face is a flat-iron, roughly dabbed with flour, and up through her silvery hair goes a dark central parting several inches wide.

Bananas are good for ye." she snark Ken McClymont's set surrounds the girls with a striped beach but and a paim tree curved by some tropic wind; two fleecy clouds and a clutch of seagulis hang from the ceiting, and on top of the white beach-piano stands enough luscious fruit to have provided Carmen Miranda with several back-up hats.

This is Fantasy Island, where all our dreams will be answered, so long as there is a song in our heart. The pretence of taking us there is soon abandoned when no member of the audience chooses "Bonnie Dundee", the only tune Aima can play. Thereafter the show is a meander through Scottish fantasies where haggises or haggi, so we are told - dance in the light of the moon.

Alma's professed attempts to get the show moving are saboraged by Morag's resentment and she, in her turn, is discountenanced by Alma's criticism of her shape, deportment and life-long failure to attract a man. Well, a little of this is amusing, and the harshness is softened by Morag's appeals for audience sympathy, but I'd have liked something else as well. More actually funny jokes, more of the soft-shoe shuffle that Ferguson does with hangdog resignation, and less of the pretty poor singing.

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TELEVISION REVIEW

## The mimic stays masked

Sellers (Channel 4), Mai Zetterling his co-star in Only Two Can Play, was asked what image came into her mind when she thought of the comedian. Something I can't tell you", she replied enignatically. Beryl Reid had already told us: "I don't think he had any definite ideas about himself."

For his own part Sellers once said. There used to be a me belind the mask, but I had it surgically removed" and, "If you ask me to play myself. I will not know what to do. I do not know who or what I am." Sellers might have been the original of Woody Allen's Leonard Zelig. the man without a personality, forced into a chameleon-like adoption of other people's roles.

The programme seemed almost perversely determined not to penetrate the Sellers mask. Not that this antiquated style of intercutting fragmentary face-to-camera interviews is ever very probing. Sellers' former co-stars, Spike Milligan and Graham Stark and some of his directors offered an-ecdotes and impressions which revealed little or nothing beyond Milligan's kindly verdict: "a very nice man with a very tortured person-ality". Sidney Gilliatt pro-vided one of the few insights: "He was tantalised by challed the proenge of playing utter ordina-riness. Eventually be con-fused it with vacuousness."

The sense of mystery re-mained. The only biographical information the programme offered was that Seliers had a possessive Jewish mother and a father whom Milligan thought "was dead only nobody had told him"; that the star's growing eccentricities included capriciously firing people who wore the wrong colours; that he suffered heart attacks; that

As for the work, the pro-gramme covered only about six out of Sellers' 30 years of activity, and referred to a mere half dozen out of his 50 films — the ones with which the interviewees themselves hd been associated. There was hardly a mention for instance of The Lady Killers, The Mouse that Roared, Lolita or, practically, the Pink Panther films and his last, most touching appearance as a true nonentity in Being There.

The programme elaborate trailer for Channel 4's Sellers season hardly seemed to vindicate

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Roy Boulting's view of Sellers
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genius this country has progenius this country has pro-duced since Chaplin". Twelve years after the comedian's death, Dick Lester's verdict scems more just: "a vocal gymnast of the highest ability...an ability of mag-pie mimicry... Neck and neck with the

Sellers programme, BBC 2's Moving Pictures offered a somewhat enervated interview with Skip Lievsay. sound designer of the films of Joel and Ethan Coen; two British film-makers who, against all the odds, have managed to raise money to make their films. Mark Her-man found \$10m. in Holly-wood for Blame it on the Bellboy; David Cohen borrowed a shoestring from his bank to make The Pleasure Principle. Apart from this we learnt little about the plight of British film-makers. except that some of them have very ebullient coiffures.

A longer item on the Babelsberg Studios at Potsdam was more lively. Is this vast complex to be the monument of the new European cinema, or its white

The studio was estab-lished in 1912. Its history has been the history of modern Germany itself. After the first world war the studio became UFA (Universum Film AG) and launched upon the world the thrilling nightmares of the Expressionist cinema — The Golem, Metropolis, The Cabinet of Dr Caligari, Wayworks. Strangely, no inter-viewee mentioned star director Erast Lubitsch and his costume epics.

The Nazi takeover dispersed many of the finest talents. In an old filmed interview Fritz Lang related how Goebbels invited him to direct the film industry. "I told him I was tickled pink and left Germany next day." But Hildegard Knef revealed that even during the Nazi period, blacklisted scenarists were still writing

pseudonymously, as in McCarthyist Hollywood.

The Nazi years were followed by communism, the Cold War, artistle purges. The heritage is hard to five down; even so it will be a shame if the optimistic new European cinema loses this great production facility, so strategically sited.

DAVID ROBINSON

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#### **TOMORROW IN LIFE & TIMES**

David Sinclair reviews the Rolling Stones' new film and Jeremy Kingston previews a stage version of Mervyn Peake's Gormenghast novels



**Instead she was** descending the steps of a plane, alone in a strange country with nowhere to go."

> Angela Neustatter meets refugee children who arrive unaccompanied at Britain's airports and finds out how the Asylum Bill could make life worse or better



## Alarums and excursions



Shakespeare renewed: Patrick O'Connell as Henry IV and Michael Pennington as Hal in the English Shakespeare Company's The Henrys

THEATRE

A blow-by-blow account of the English Shakespeare Company has been written by its founders. Benedict Nightingale dips into this torrid chronicle of thespians on tour

lounge-suit and a Gadshill with a Mohican hairdo. It was outrageous, impossible, but it fizzed and buzzed as more conventional history-lessons seldom do. But last year came a Merchant of Venice which trans-formed Portia into Eva Braun and the rest of Shakespeare's more upbear characters into anti-semitic creeps, making nonsense of the play's rothat had once given the Bard a lift now sank him with hardly a trace.

danov's tome. It is a case-study of an

implausible success, instructively

describing how to create a classical

company, stay out of the bankruptcy

courts, and live in hotels for months

on end: all without quite going mad.
Actually, mental disturbance was among the many problems that had to be faced. One company member

set fire to Pennington's dressing

room, ran away during rehearsals,

and ended up shaving off his eye-brows and throwing himself off Blackfriars Bridge. A distraught assistant stage manager opened a

gala performance at the Royal

Alexandra in Toronto by striding

onstage wearing nothing but boxer shorts festooned with small, pink,

copulating rabbits. The Canadian

Yet whatever the reservations about its work there can only be admiration for the pluck, grit and sheer gluttony for punishment that built the ESC into the force it now is. Here, perhaps, is the chief importance of Pennington and Bog-

That would have left me with mixed feelings even if I had not read Michael Bogdanov and Michael Pennington's book about the first years of the company they created in 1986. Now I have finished their remarkably candid contribution to theatre history, my emotions are even more confused. After all, what has been the effect of Bogdanov's determination to "strip away meaningless cliches" and "open the plays out for new, young audiences"? What have been the results of Pennington's belief in "mischief and serious verse-speaking", "a not very English combina-tion of cheek and intellect"?

nly ten years ago the larger sort of touring com-

pany, trucking its Mac-beth and Hamlet from

Liverpool to Newcastle one week and

Newcastle to Plymouth the next,

seemed to be pretty much a thing of

the past. Prospect Theatre, the last of

the species, had rather literally met its Waterloo in 1981. It moved to SEI, rechristened itself the Old Vic Company, and ignominiously expired, the

victim of its deepening debts. Most people would have predicted that only

tiny, tribal outlits — a Monstrous Regiment, a Paines Plough — would

be touring by the 1990s.

Yet now the larger touring company looks very much a thin of the future. It calls itself the National

Theatre, the RSC, Renaissance The-

atre or the English Shakespeare

or its Lear, not just from Plymouth to

Newcastle, but to Tokyo, Melbourne

and Chicago, using foreign profits to help finance its British work. That is

particularly useful now that most of

our regional reps can no longer afford

permanent companies of any size or

quality. For some cities the burgeon-

ing English Shakespeare Company.

in particular, is becoming the prime

supplier of Shakespeare's English.

ny, and it takes its *Richard III* 

The first and finest result was a seven-play cycle, Richard II to Richard III, that brought onstage gentlemen in frock-coars and skinheads brandishing obscene anti-French banners, a Falstaff in a loud, striped

tour never fully recovered, which was doubly unfortunate since the Mirvishes, the Alex's owners, had put up

one-third of the £360,000 it had cost to bounch the ESC. The Arts Council never gave large sums, and at the start just £100,00; and the British Council was at first positively hostile. So the company lived hand to mouth, unable to even a modest guarantee against loss. Pennington and Bogdanov regularly dipped into their own pockets and came

close to mortgaging

their houses to sup-

port plans that had

already caused half

their board to resign

in protest at their lack

of caution. And yet by

late 1988 a deficit of £50,000 had become

"Behind the acrimony there was a gypsy loyalty'

> a healthy surplus. Overseas trips - to Hong Kong, Tokyo, Chicago, Berlin - were the main explanation. Nevertheless, Pennington clearly understates when he writes that "the touring life is a hell of a strain". Only 25 across were performing the seven plays, and that meant a system of doubling and understudying of perilous complexity.
> What was to be done when the King of France came down with pneumo nia and Exeter with a mysterious virus? How was the wretched actor understudying them both supposed to play their joint scene in Henry V? Actors who did not know a part in the morning sometimes found themselves playing it that night. One Sunday in Connecticut, Pennington

died onstage five times, in roles

ranging from Jack Cade to the Earl of Rutland's tutor. In Melbourne, Jack Carr saw so many unexpected faces in one scene that he exited, thinking he had made a wrong entrance. There, too, the only stage manager who knew every permutation turned out to be pregnant and fell ill.

Touring took its human toll in others ways, too. Often, Pennington and Bogdanov became the butt of the company's rage, held responsible for inadequate hotels, or sausages that failed to appear at breakfast, or the half-finished Frankfurt theatre in which the cast had to perform in thermal underwear. There was even a mini-mutiny after the Earl of Cambridge farted while being arrested for treachery and Pennington, playing Henry V, lost his temper with his giggling fellow acrors. "I never really

remarks. Then there was the rehearsal in which John Castle, playing Henry IV. decided that Pennington, as Hal, was sneering at him, and slapped him violently on the face. There seems to have ensued a furious discussion about whether Pennington or Hal was responsible for the insult. Pennington sneered again, Castle struck him even harder, and Pennington walked out while Castle yelled, "you see you can't take it, be a man!" At times some actors were speaking to each other only onstage.

The ESC should not have survived, yet it did, in many ways triumphantly. There seems to have been a gypsy loyalty behind the acrimony, a spirit of adventure, a resilience and a sheer love of the work which saw the company through. They have renewed Shakespeare by espousing old thespian values. I cannot promise not to protest when and if they transform Petruchio into Norman Mailer and Katherine into Andrea Dworkin, and set The Shrew itself in Trump Tower: but they have already set the rest of the profession a formidable example.

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#### Trained poets

LONDON's long-suffering commuters may have mixed feelings about seeing Keats's observation that "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever. Nevertheless, an extract from Endymion, from which that line comes, is included in the latest Poems on the Underground, which made their debut on 4,000 tube-train walls last week. Work by Marlowe, Plath, Apollinaire, the Caribbean poet Andrew Salkey and Maura Dooley



Superb: Anthony Sher

#### Last chance...

THE analogy Brecht draws and a gangster's hijacking of the Chicago Cauliflower Trust is pretty clumsy. Yet Antony Sher gives a superb performance in the National Theatre staging of his Resist*ible Rise of Arturo Ui: a* shifty sewer-rat, venomously eyeballing a terrified world from the top of a 20-foot podium. His charismatic posturings end on Thursday at the Olivier (071-928 2252).

CLASSICAL MUSIC

## All fingers and plums

ne perverse side effect of music competitions is the curiosity engendered by "that which might have been". The last Leeds Piano Competition was a case in point. While many present may now find it hard to remember who won, few will have forgotten Piotr Anderszewskir the young Pole who, after playing a particularly interesting "Dia-belli" Variations, backed our of successive rounds because he did not feel he was at his

A cunning move: what, then, was his best? Not, one hopes, the Beethoven offered at his Festival Hall debut on Thursday. A trivialising orchestral introduction from the London Philharmonic and Franz Welser-Möst set the stage for a disappointingly narcissistic account of the Third Piano Concerto.

Anderszewski seemed mesmerised by what his fingers could do; which was, indeed, plenty. There were razorsharp octaves, rhythmic repartee and notes which fell exquisitely into place in per-fectly judged undertones. There was dense black and there was harsh white. But Beethoven's own spectrum of harmonic and emotional colour was barely glimpsed, and

Hilary Finch on the highlights among last week's concerts at the Festival Hall

the finale seemed to be running on the spot. This was a week of virtuoso

instrumentalists rather than virtuoso musicians. On Tuesday, Midori focused attention entirely on the violin and her diminutive self: Sibelius's music seemed incidental. There was a purely physical excitement to be vicariously

experienced in watching the young Japanese star struggle to meet the technical might of this concerto on its own ground. Her tactics were faultless: diamond-cut intoperfectly placed sweeping bow-strokes and a rhythmic rigor which dared the Royal Philharmonic strings to some thrillingly combative playing. The language of the piece, though, remained unfathomed, and the audience left as spectators at a stunningly executed

In Friday's concert, by con-

trast, the customary solo spot was taken by the brass ensemble of the Royal Philharmonic. In a most imaginative prelude to Walton's First Symphony, three of Giovanni Gabrieli's Sacrae Sym-phoniae of 1597 were conducted by Peter Bassano, himself a descendent of the Venetian family that played in Gabrieli's own ensemble.

Then Vladimir Ashkenazy conducted a resoundingly confident performance of the Walton at the end of a week of cumulatively revealing symphonic reassessment. His own advocacy of Vaughan Williams's Fifth on Tuesday had been no less convincing. Both this work and Martinu's Fifth Symphony,

which Welser-Möst conducted on Thursday, were written in the context of the second world war. Ashkenazy and the RPO, with their exceptionally fine string playing, seemed to be exploring a spiritual vision. In the Martinu. Welser-Möst equally appropriately, and with a raw energy - sought out with the LPO the maximum dislocation; tempo, rhythm and dissonance racked the work on its long path to ultimate vindication.

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## Why is a politician not like an undertaker?

For one thing, a day in the House of Commons could be even deadlier than a trip to the mortuary

ony Banks stands barechested but brazen as electrodes are stuck to his nipples and a monitor attached to his bottom.

The Labour MP is not undergoing some sort of pre-election allegiance test, he's doing his bit to prove what honorable members have been telling us for years: being a politician is stressful.

The extrovert MP for Newham North West, London is taking part in a test to assess the amount of pressure an MP goes through in a typical day. It involves blood tests. a questionnaire and being wired up to monitors which record heart beat and blood pressure.

The day starts with a 6.00am alarm call and a dash to the Harley Street offices of Dr Malcolm Carruthers. Stress is clearly a lucrative business. It is Mr Banks's first sampling of private medicine, and he protests he is only doing it in the interests of science.

Dr Carruthers is also head of chemical pathology at the Maudsley hospital, London, but

he has spent the past 25 years investigating ways of coping with stress. He believes a form of meditation called Autogenic Training plus good old exercise are the answer. He helped set up the House of Commons gym and has a number of parliamentary

"Being an MP is one of the most stressful jobs you can have," he says. "The hours are long, members have to spend long periods away from their families, there is a lot of public performing and you are very visible."

MPs apparently share their proneness to stress with policemen and journalists, while undertakers are least affected. Mr Banks looks remarkably pressure-free on the morning of the experiment. Then he gets the first bit of bad news: Dr Carruthers insists on five test tubes-full of blood from the MP's arm, "Norman Tebbit would be

less painful. Mr Banks merely has to rate the stress factor of specific situations from one to ten. He is quizzed about personal relationships, work. money. illness, worry and decision making.

Mr Banks admits to being competitive but not very ambitious, poor on punctuality but intolerant of latecomers and someone who tries to look casual but cares a lot about what others think of his performance. Most of his answers are relaxed

ones and twos. But a question on a change in work routine gets a nine. "Neil could say, 'Ere Tone, how would you like to be Chancelfor of the Exchequer? I'd probably die on the spot."

Question time over, he willingly bares his chest to be wired up so his heart and blood rate can be monitored during the day. Zipped



Tony Banks: stress levels vary

up, wired up and hyped up Mr Banks strides out of the surgery and hails a cab. already late for a speech on a traffic Bill in the House of Commons.

A young Conservative member is on his feet in the chamber suggesting buses should have bumpers to shunt cars out of bus lanes, and harking back to the good old days of horse-drawn

traffic. Mr Banks interjects to talk about horse manure, and the fact that he used to collect it in buckets to sell to neighbours for 2 4 d a bucker. The stress monitor is now showing a rapid increase in Mr Banks's heaftbeat as he starts to take part in the debate. The average person's heart rate when resting is

between 70 and 30 bears a minute. The more stressed,

the higher the heart fair. Danger level is 220 minus your age. For 47-year-old Mr Banks, that's 173. As soon as Mr Banks begins his speech - at 10.56am - his heart rate rockets to 129. As he gets into his stride it settles at 122, the

adrenalin still pumping furiously. Clearly some subjects make him more angry than others. "The roads are worse than ever", makes the monitor reading rise to 147. And it hits 144 when he points out four people in four cars take up more space than a double decker

A dash to the members' car park raises his heart rate to 110; he is desperate to try to beat the rushhour traffic and get back for a constituency surgery.

Getting into his Escort XR3i is

atorost as stressful as speaking in the Commons, according to the monitor, and Mr Banks's heart rate goes up to 99. He admits the job affects him: "It's a treadmill," he says. "I think I cope quite well, but probably because I am not madiy ambitious."

Dr Carruthers, later armed with the results of the test to present to Mr Banks, agrees. "You cope with stress very well, mainly because of your attitude," the doctor says. "You are occasionally angry and irritable, but you've got a lot of energy and a very positive attitude to life. Cholesterol and fat level is low, that's good. But you've got a

slight case of what I call the galloping gin and tonics, that's a mildly raised liver enzyme level. But then alcohol is part of an MP's

"My advice with an election coming up is improve your handling of stress. That means more physical exercise or meditation.

But overall, congramlations.

it's a very good picture." Mr Banks is pleased with the results. I was surprised at the high levels of stress when I spoke in the House," he says. "I do feel nervous when I make a speech, but I didn't realise how much it affects

"I think it's another good reason why politicians should retire at 65 the way they make other people do. If I felt my old ticker couldn't take it any more I'd go like a shot.

"As it is, from what these tests show, I've got plenty of time yet."

FIONA WEBSTER Tony Banks's day will be shown on repeated on February 29.

## A home for all seasons

Walter Ellis finds the music hall still

alive and kicking in a suburban house

where the curtain has never gone

down on a generation of stars

his is a roll-call to savour. Atlas and Vuicana, Apollo, the Two Bobs, Mrs "Atalanta" Bertram, George Formby, Queenie Leighton, Lillie Langtry, Ben Obo (and brother Jim), Wee Georgie Wood, Yamamoto, Yumo and Little Zola. There are others, too: 586 to be precise, headed by no less a personage than the Earl

Together, they make up the Noble 600 — as varied a bunch as you could wish for and the sort of people on whom such stage luminaries of the past as Felix Mendelssohn's Hawain Serenaders and Fred Hearne, the Mummy's Dream, could ultimately depend. For these are the original benefactors of Brinsworth House, a ing a final curtain-call for retired artistes whose careers frequently stretch back beyond even its foundation, in 1910.

Brinsworth, a Victorian pile in Twickenham, is where you can meer 86-year-old Barbara "Red" Stetson, who acted as a stand-in for Marlene Dietrich in Knight Without Armour opposite Robert Donat and, as a one-time Tiller Girl, could kick her legs higher than any girl in England. It is also home to fellow octogenarian Den-nis Hedges, the musical director of the Windmill Theatre for 24 years the man who gave Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe and Tony Hancock their start in showbusiness. Next door to Dennis, reading a thriller by Alistair MacLean, sits the great Ben Warriss, a recent arrival after his collapse during rehearsals for pantomime in

Older than any of them and eyeing her walking frame wistfully, as though more used to other props, is the reigning Queen of Brinsworth, Winnie Whitnee, who can remember sharing digs with Marie Lloyd and, after all these years, is still indignant that so much entertainment comes out of

'machines". Winnie is 101. Presiding over this unapologetic celebration of music hall is Peter Elliott, the home's general secretary, who left school at 14 to sing in Rose Marie and acted as a stooge for the late Dick Emery for 15 years before taking over as his manager. Mr Elliott's office is full to the gunwales with photographs of the Queen Mother and showbiz stars like Roy Hudd and Frankie Vaughan. He is bearded and blazered and talks cheerfully of his charges as though he were their agent, not the warden. He cares deeply about preserving the digniprobably like to assemble them all in a gigantic geriatric command performance. Well, they all would.

He believes that Mrs Worthington got it right in the first place (no one in Brinsworth regrets a thing), but acknowledges that life on the stage was all too often "hard, bloody graft". For years, he says, artistes who hadn't made it as stars were treated very badly by

In old age, the difficulties could become acute, and it was to alleviate the worst injustices that the Variety Artists Federation was set up in 1908, under the patronage of established stars, like Dan Leno. Four years later, Brinsworth House came on the market, for the asking price of £1,400, and was purchased outright and given its

Funding is the responsibility today of the Entertainment Artiste's Benevolent Fund, aided by the Grand Order of Water Rats, the showbusiness charity, and star-billing, literally, remains a



Memories: retired actor Dennis Castle plays a hand of cards at Brinsworth House; behind him, signed photographs of stars of the British stage and music hall

vital component of revenue. Brinsworth houses just 34 residents - though several more have firm bookings - but is the administrative centre for a network that supports some 300 other benefi-ciaries, most of them living with relatives or in their own homes. It costs £1 million, and rising, to maintain, and without the annual box office receipts from the Royal Variety Performance it could very soon go dark.

Fortunately, the show goes on, and so does Winnie Whitnes. She and her husband were on the stage for 58 years, she says. "Our whole life was made up of dates. A date in Sheffield, a date in Leeds, a date in London. Now I can't remember any of them." But what did she do? "Everything. My parents, my grandparents, my aunt, my hus-

band, my two sisters - we were all in the business. Real theatre people. Singing and dancing. Whatever they needed, we could

nd Marie Lloyd? "Oh yes, we were often on the bill with her. My husband and I stayed in the same house in Southampton. She had the front, we had the back."

Barbara Sterson's career is a splendid thing, incorporating cabaret, the Tiller Girls, Vera Lynn. West End musicals and cancan dancing in Paris. As a tap dancer, she performed on a huge top hat dressed in a fluorescent costume so bright it may have led to her glaucoma Barbara — "Barbie" — shows off her photographs with pride, and without doubt she was both beautiful and lithe. Reminded of this fact, she smiles brightly and there is a definite twinkle in her eyes. "Yes," she says, "I was a

There is an irony in the present position of Ben Warriss. Three times King Rat and a long-time benefactor of Brinsworth, he has a room named after him just along the corridor. Now he slis sucking his teeth and reflecting on his parmership with Jimmy Jewel. Had he made much money? Life surges through the frail figure like an electric current. "Lots," he enthuses. "A hell of a lot. I went round the world three times." And now? "I've bed sores on my back and ulcers in my mouth and I've a bad cold and I'm not feeling very bright. But Jimmy's coming on Friday and we might go out to

lunch or maybe the West End."
He pauses. "Switch that light on, would you? The sudden brilliance illuminates little piles of freshly-laundered dothing, not put away yet. He looks up. "Here

is absolutely marvellous. They're very kind and they pamper your every whim. I don't know another place in the country that would look after old pros like they do." Another pause. The room is very quiet "You know, showbusiness is a very rare thing. It's not like any other job. You reminisce a lot. You reach a certain age when you've nothing to look forward to but memories."

Next door is Dennis Hedges. He lost his wife, Violet, three years ago and, frankly, wishes he had died first. He is a trim, moustached figure, wearing a blue blazer, grey slacks and one of his 46 shirts. Before he moved in to Brinsworth, he gave away his "beautiful" grand plano to a neighbour and got rid of his old 78s from the garage. He has four radios in his room.

The

With its wall-to-wall photographs, its theatre posters, its staff like kindly usherenes and its blizzard of Zimmer frames and sticks. Brinsworth House is benevolence at its best and a triumph of the human spirit. Frank Verdini, an 83-year-old magician from Prague, embodies the defiance. He wears his memories with pride. When he finally retired seven years ago, he realised he had nowhere to go and turned up at Brinsworth. His message was a bold one. "I tell them I am Verdini. I have come."

#### People may be dying because sex education has been neglected — yet too much openness can cause problems for parents

ales of the "fat slags". Northern nymphomaniacs, are unlikely to be the sort of reading material most par-ents would choose to introfacts (so-called) of life. But ask the average teenager where he or she gets their information about sex, and Viz comic, the scatalogical organ read in a thousand playgrounds, is likely to figure prominently in

a distressingly short list.
The editors of Viz no doubt think it a hoot that, by filling the void where sex education should be, their brutish stereotypes are shaping the sexual attitudes of future generations. But the paucity of sex education in our schools is more than a publishing opportunity. It threatens the happiness, the health - and the lives - of young

Latest figures show that the number of teenage pregnancies has risen for the sixth successive year. In one Manchester health district alone, 40 young girls aged between 11 and 16 became mothers in 1990. Last auturn the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists reported that the abortion rate for teenagers had quadrupled in the last 20 years. It is now higher than in France. The Netherlands or Sweden.

Pregnancies and abortions are the result of unprotected

## Forced to face the facts of life

sex. In the 1990s unprotected sex carries with it the added lethal risk of HIV and Aids. Of all those so far identified as HIV positive, 20 per cent are aged 15-25. Of the total number of women with Aids, 40 per cent are aged 15-29. Most of these women must therefore have been

infected with the HIV virus in

Every recent report which no sign of changing despite mass advertising campaigns) has highlighted the need for better sex education. The

SEX AT HOME

their teens. stated in his annual report for 1990 that there is "an urgent has published data on the néed to improve sex educaunsafe sexual behaviour of tion for young people".
The Commons Health young people (which shows Committée réport on Mater-

not be accorded the priority they require." The Royal Coll-SIGNS OF THE TIMES ege of Obstetricians, and Gynaecologists made 11 recommendations on sex educa-At what age would you allow an unmarried child of yours to sleep with boyfriend or girlfriend under your roof? tion in its report on unplanned pregnancy. Teenagers are, as ever. making the best of it. The

number of girls under 16 attending a family planning clinic for the first time has doubled in the past ten years to 18.000. A pill or condom is no

nity Services, published last November, said: "Health and sex education in schools may

substitute for knowledge about how to handle sexual relationships, but when 83 per cent of young people claim to have experienced sexual intercourse by the time they are 19 it is better than no protection at all

It is not as if sex education is unpopular. Research shows that 96 per cent of parents and 95 per cent of their

children want it in their schools. As one girl who felt her education left her unprepared to deal with the world of adult sexuality put it: "You didn't really learn anything about relationships at all. It was more about how sperms swim up than anything that

would be useful to you." Another said: "Teaching the biological way makes you think that it is something that is happening somewhere else. wouldn't really happen to you." A third complained: "Masturbation, they never mention it, the same as homosexuality or orgasms. they never mention that."

Sex education is the responsibility of each school's goveming body, but more than a quarter have no policy on it despite being legally required to formulate one and present it to parents annually. In an open letter to William Waldegrave and Kenneth Clarke, the secretaries for health and education, Margaret Jay, the director of the National Aids Trust, and Doreen Massey, the director

of the Family Planning Association, call for a joint commission to be set up to develop sex education. "The health and education departments have got to get their heads together and look at this on a national and local level," said Ms Jay. "The time for buck-passing must stop.'

JEREMY LAURANCE

## To buy or not to buy

l asked mum

a pack of SIX

to get me

THE thorny subject of sex and teenagers has always provoked extreme parental responses. But the latest idea doing the rounds of coffee mornings adds new meaning to the idea of protective parenting.
"I told them they were in

the bathroom cupboard whenever they needed them, but I would not be counting them," announced one mother, explaining her de-cision to buy condoms for her two teenaged sons. No, she did not think they were "doing it" yet. She was not luring them on but "trying to

save their lives". Courting culture has done a volte-face. As teenagers we spent most of our energies concealing any sexual activity from parents. Now, it seems, we are being asked to supply our progeny with con-doms along with the hair gel and acne remedies.

The recent stream of Aids statistics has prompted every parent to concentrate on the Safe Sex story rather than the Where Babies Come From version. But these latest measures in proactive parenting seem a bit much. It is one thing to tell them about the birds and the bees but quite another to supply

Isn't this taking spoon-

feeding one meal too far?

One father thought so. "Condoms are available in every gents' toilet. If a bloke wants to have sex and he can't get his own condom, he's a fool." I contemplated the logis-

tics with horror. A confession: as a former Sixties pill popper with 25 years of monogamy, I have never contributed to the profits of the London Rubber Com-

pany.
Which brand would be appropriate? I had heard of a bewildering array of vari-eties. One friendly pharmacist helped allay my fears:

They always go for the But buying them is the

easy bit. How to hand them over? How would this unusual contribution go down, coming from someone they perceive as past her sexual sell-by date? Would it impose a pressure to perform or appear to afford a licence for rampant promiscuity?
In our day, to use a

creaking parentism, the issue was whether or not to put your daughter on the pill. Many of the arguments were similar. But all you needed to know when taking the pill was that you had to be conscientious about swallowing it. No one had to teach you to swallow.

The truth is that skill in using a condom matters. Few teenagers — or adults — I spoke to knew how easily a condom could tear on a finger-nail or ring. Fewer still, that using a handcream or oil with one could cause it to dissolve

in as little as 90 seconds. "Supplying condoms is OK if it reflects a willingness to talk about relationships," says Alison Hadley of the Brook Advisory Centre. "Condoms in a vacuum are not much good." Must run. I have some

shopping to do. ADRIENNE KATZ Hemmed in by fashion



hort skirts are for middle-

aged women," Karl-Lagerfeld announced last

week when he paraded Cha-

nel's latest haute couture collection.

albeit some of them finishing in a

zigzag of handkerchief points. The

front-row line-up of short-skirted couture clients at his show -

undisputably d'un certain age - watched unperturbed. They knew

Monsieur Paquito, the premier in

M Lagerfeld's tailoring atelier,

would whip up a nice short skirt for

them instead. With legs still in good

shape, why should they cover them

up? Or would they be forced to wear

long simply because short has been declared old hat?

You might have thought that by

now the age-old phobia about hem-

lines would have lost its terror for lasmon followers. There are more

important yardsticks of good style

than the length of one's skirt. But

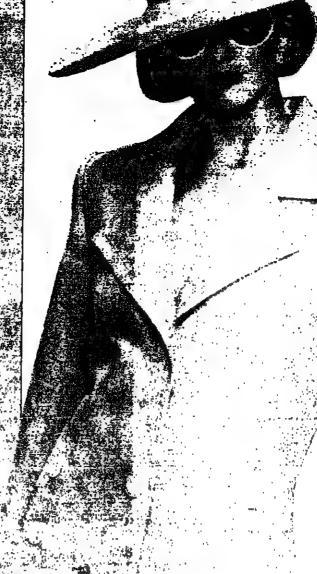
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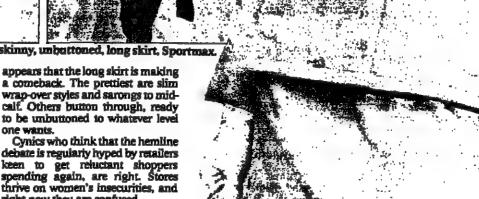
1990s, falling for one of fashion's

sillier snares. For some reason, there









Cynics who think that the hemline

debate is regularly hyped by retailers keen to get reluctant shoppers spending again, are right. Stores thrive on women's insecurities, and Vanessa de Lisie, a former Vogue

fashion editor and now consultant to Harrods, is certainly going to wear the new length. "Right now, it is the daughters rather than the mothers who are trying it. In the end everyone will follow. You have to avoid looking like a Sloane mum it must be carried off with platform shoes and a small handbag.'

chain of chic bouttoues in London believes the new season's long skirts will be bought by her more adven-British women who prefer long skirts who will be pleased to see them back in vogue," she says. 🗵

Givenchy spring Photographs: Christopher Moore

#### It takes a little while for the eye to Edelstein, who dresses the Princess has to be a "correct" position for of Wales, showed a few long skirts in adjust to every new trend, but it The golden rule

This season the hubbub on hem-

lines is louder. Short skirts have been the uniform for the past few

years for sophisticated women anx-

lous to avoid dowdiness. Far from

wanting to look provocative, women

hitch up their hemlines today

because wearing a short skirt makes

them feel sassy and young. The result? As always, once the short

skirt became the status quo, fash-ion's reactionaries moved off into

long. Or they dispensed with skirts

M Lagerfeld enjoys a tease. Even

he realised he was testing the fashion waters last week. Victor

Boy look of tunic and leggings.

A little jewellery goes a long way for most men these days, finds David Toop

ne area of male behaviour remains rigspite advances in self-expression, not to mention Native American drum technique, men and their jewellery still enjoy a relationship which rarely escapes ambivalence. At their worst, men can accessorise themselves into catastrophic zones of bad

taste.
Periods of recession are our equivalent of ancient divination practices. We observe the tribulations of Stringfellows or the financial woes of Gerald Ratner and conclude that flash Harry, the disco-dancing Medallion Man bedecked with bracelets, chains, diamond-encrusted watches and rings, has vanished into

the style archives. Have we written off the Barry White and Liberace look too soon? At Arena magazine, the editor, Dylan Jones, thinks not. He restricts himself to as little gold hard-

Made yellow gold necklace

Maille vellow gold bracelet

Bulles Condeheres ring

Gentleman's cold/steel

Göld/Lapis culfinks

Qualidiennes diamond earrings



Does short in the skirt mean long in the

tooth? Liz Smith says we should not care

Glorgio Armani, one of the design-

knows that whatever length design-

ers show, smart women stick to just

above the knee. "Fashion is not

about long and short. Anybody

worried about lengths is old-

fashioned," he said after his spring

fashion followers. The self-confident

will flirt with every length, enjoying the new sensation of wearing a long

slinky skirt, while ensuring it is

suggest a leggy line. Hopefully

nobody will adopt M Lagerfeld's

solution of dropping a long skirt in

sheer chiffon over every short one.

ready-to-wear show last October.

Mark LeBon and his elaborate ring. Being married has forced him to wear jewellery

ware as possible. The wiseguy styling of Martin Scorsese's film GoodFellas briefly opened up jewellery opportunities for fashionconscious men in their twenties and early thirties, he believes. "There was definitely a trend for it around a year ago," says Mr Jones. "although the trend seems to be moving away from that now."

Aside from fashion models who are paid to look ridiculous, the only men who can

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carry off a look which depends upon a metal detector frenzy of gold curb chains, ID bracelets, pendants, diamond clusters and sovereign rings, are tough types who carry guns in their pockets. For Mr Jones, the only sane and decent possibility is a good watch. He recommends a Tag-Heuer or an antique Rolex for the Arena man.

"As with a lot of things at the moment," he adds, "people are into investment dressing, whether it's a pair of trousers, a jacket or a piece of jewellery - things that are actually going to last for more than six months."

Despite his reputation as a flamboyant dresser, Hamish Bowles, style director of Harpers & Queen. limits his jewels to a tie-pin and cufflinks. They're always exaggerated and exuberant," he protests, "but I think I've gone through the phase of wearing less definitely prescribed masculine jewellery."

Solange Azagury-Partndge is a fashionable jewellery designer. She supplies cuff-links and rings to men whose occupations range from solicitors to pop singers, often using materials such as uncut diamonds in a self-confessed spirit of inverted snobbery. She enjoys the idea of precious stones, yet uses them in rough hunks that are not

recognisably valuable. "I quite like stones set inside the ring," she says. "For example, if you are wearing a wedding ring, you could have a row of diamonds set inside on the inner band of the ring. It's your own little secret." Photographer Mark LeBon

wears an Azagury-Partridge ring, a huge silver object dipped in gold and set with semi-precious crystals. LeBon is only interested in jewellery if it is functional, like cufflinks, or has sentimental value. He was recently married, so his new ring lives up to both requirements. "I don't actually wear rings, as a rule," he says. "But getting married, you're thrown into wearing one. What this ring does rather fabulously on the little finger of my left hand is distract attention from the wedding ring, which is absobutely glorious. I'd feel a right banana with just a wedding

ting on. Azagury-Partridge's guidelines are as strict as those of Dylan Jones. "Men really need a decent watch," she insists. "A wedding ring's all right, maybe a signet ring and beautiful cuff-links obviously. Anything beyond that just shows the wrong kind of interest in jewellery. You should be buying jewellery for your woman rather than

## Stamp of approval

The Royal Mail has made a brave choice for the Queen's anniversary

WHEN Andy Altmann, David Ellis and Howard Greenhalgh graduated from the Royal College of Art four years ago, they set up a graphic-design company called Why Not Associates. The name reflects their determination to follow the philosophy that designers just wanna have fun.

Their designs, which are colourful, jokey and typographically anarchic, are as nonconformist as their attitude and they have been regarded with a degree of suspicion by many of their peers. But not, it seems, by their clients, which include mainstream names like Next, Hull City Council, Smirnoff, and now the Royal Mail.

To be asked to design a stamp is prestigious in itself but, more gallingly still for their detractors. Why Not Associates have landed the plum job of designing the set of stamps to be issued this Thursday to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne.

"We are a very unlikely choice to be doing these," says Andy Altmann, "and I think it's very courageous of the Royal Mail to have chosen us." Courageous, yes, but not

rash. At least three designers or illustrators will have been asked to present ideas to a committee and once past this stage the stamp has to get royal approval. "This is not merely a formal gesture," according to the Royal Mail, ... [the Queen] takes a There are five stamps in the

personal interest." new set, each featuring a photograph of the Queen laken at a different time in her life as monarch, each expressing a different role: as head of State, the Commonwealth, the Royal Family, the Armed Forces and the

Church. The first features a

portrait by Cecil Beaton at the Coronation; another shows her with the young Prince

Why Not Associates' usuai graphic abandon has been noticeably toned down. "Yes, we changed our approach," admits Andy Altmann. "We weren't about to put dayglo corgis on it or anything. I had

to ask myself whether my mum would like them." Nevertheless, typical touch-es of Why Not playfulness can be seen in the new stamps. such as the irregularly positioned Gill type, the jagged silver and gold borders, and the background images which have been mixed and merged using the Paintbox computer. The customary white border has been abandoned in favour of "full-



Royal set: one of the five stamps

bleed" pictures and, for only the second time, the Queen's profile is absent, for the simple reason that she is, of course, already shown.

To the majority of people who will stick these stamps on their letters and bills, these are small details, but in terms of graphic design, they represent brave commissioning of innovative work. As Andy Altmann says, "We are satisfied that we have taken something that could have been very traditional and boring and taken it a bit further. Does his mum like the stamps?" "She loves them, she's ordered sets for all the

JANE LAMACRAFT |

#### TOMORROW

"My little girl only plays with My Little Pony and Barbie — is she going to be a bimbo?"

Victoria McKee discovers what toys can do for children, on the Parents page on Tuesday



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## Threats to Soviet science

As Russia's best brains head West, Nigel Hawkes discovers efforts to preserve the Soviet tradition

cientists are likely to leave the former Soviet Union in an exodus unequalled since the the Nazis sent talented Jewish scientists flocking westwards. Soviet science, once seen as the foundation stone of the nation's future, now seems to face a future as dim as the nation itself. There are believed to be 1.5 million scientists in the nations of the Soviet Union, a quarter of the world's scientific manpower.

Terry Garrett, of the Royal Society's assistant secretary for international affairs, says The scientists are facing critical problems. The whole structure is in danger of collapse.

Israel has already welcomed many emigrant Soviet scientists and doctors. Israel's scientific community originally numbered no more

than 16,000 researchers, but were eased two years ago at least 4.000 scientists with doctorates, 20,000 engineers and 6,000 doctors have arrived from the Soviet Union. One of the Soviet Union's strengths

was mathematics. so Israel is now flooded with fine mathematicians. At the Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology, a quarter of all undergraduate and postgraduate mathematics students are Soviet immigrants.

collapse'

The French mathematician Jacques-Louis Lions recently told the Technion faculty that the best work on convection stability was done in the Soviet Union by an unknown mathematician, whose latest book was a masterpiece, but he had been unable to contact the author, who was somewhere in the Soviet Union. There was a stir in the audience and a tall young man was pushed forward. "I am that man," he said. It was Alexander Nepomnyashchy. who had emigrated to Israel.

Most Soviet scientists are unlikely to be as lucky. Those with the strongest hand are defence scientists, who have marketable skills, so long as they are willing to go would-be nuclear powers in

the Third World. Not only their skills are marketable. A British nuclear specialist reports that he has been called by two Russian scientists asking where they might sell large quantities of lithium-6, an isotope used in thermonuclear weapons.

Augusto Forti, the directorgeneral of the European Institute for East-West Cooperation in Venice, says Third World countries have offered nuclear scientists three-year contracts at salaries up to \$400,000 a year. to be paid into Swiss banks, if they will sell their know-how. Last week the German

magazine Stern said Libyan ents had telephoned the Kurchatov Institute in Moscow offering \$100,000 salaries to two scientists to work on an unspecified project in the desert. The two rejected

the offer and told the institute. The since controls 'The whole Soviet nuclear sci-were eased two 'The whole entists may be exaggerating the structure threat to improve for science ready the German is at risk of foreign minister, Genscher, has proposed 20 international fund to finance a job

programme for weapons scientists from the former Soviet President Bush is said to be

willing to offer jobs to 2,000 of them, to destroy Soviet nuclear weapons and work in civilian research, the Los Angeles Times reported, quoting administration sources. Congress has already set aside \$500 million for this purpose. In civilian science, thousands of layoffs appear

inevitable. Boris Saltykov, the Russian science minister, told Nature he expects between 20 and 30 per cent of academic scientists to lose their jobs by the end of 1993. The government cannot finance research on the old scale. Academic salaries have be-

come & joke. Laboratory directors earn 1,000 roubles a month, about £3. Subscriptions to overseas journals, payable only in hard currency, have been cancelled. Russia's own journais are now folding because of rising



One of the glories of the boom years: an artist's impression of the Soviet space station on the Moon in 1970

costs. Mr Garrett believes agriculture and medicine research institutes will suffer most, as the ministries that supported them have been

The finest laboratories, with the best scientists, are those attached to the Academy of Sciences. The old academy was dissolved in December and has been replaced by a Russian academy. which seems likely to become a battleground for warring interests. The younger, more radical scientists want to overthrow the traditional

authoritarian structure, dominated by the academy and the all-powerful institute

Western academies believe the best help they can offer is to try to keep the most productive Russian scientists working in their own country. The temptation to offer faculty positions to the most talented is easily resisted, as there are few vacancies in Western universities.

Mr Gazrett says the best way of helping the new Commonwealth of Independent States is to offer short-

term fellowships in the West, which will enable senior people to keep up with their science and also earn hard currency to take home.

Victor Sergeev, the deputy director of the analytical centre of the Academy of Sciences, is spending three months at Leeds University's politics department on such a fellowship. He says that if a scientist can save \$10,000, that is as much as the budget for a whole institute"

He fears that the elite are being spoiled by the opportunities, causing bad feelings

ported by Western money, that would give grants to

## **Cars stacked** by computer

A COMPUTERISED car Compact Car Parking sys-park that could be built on tem, at the heart of which are smail, previously almost redundant plots of urban land has been designed by a former Formula One racing engineer.

The system, which the designer claims would peg a parking space at £6,500, does not have the ramps or turning spaces that add to the cost and size of conventional car parks. The building can fit on 400 sq ft of land or the equivalent of three cars side by side.

This should allow city centre businesses and flat-

owners to build a car park next to their premises, which depending on its height will take at least 20 vehicles, save parking fees and add value to parting rees and and vanie to the property.

Officials at North Derby-shire Training and Enter-prise Council are so im-

pressed that they are drafting a business and marketing plan to exploit the idea, and a factory at Chesterfield is envisaged for mass-producing Ken Warren, the chairman of Derbyshire Textiles, who

chairs the enterprise part of the council, says: "We are asking the trade and industry department to go halves on the plan." Gordon McNally, the head

of McNally Industries in London, is the designer of the

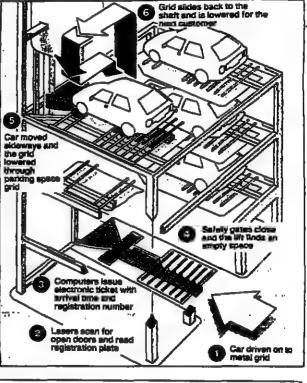
compact Car Parking system, at the heart of which are four computers keeping track of the parked vehicles. The computers are programmed to switch cars to lower levels as spaces arise to speed their retrieval, which, Mr McNally says, is especially useful in the taller versions. tailer versions.

A driver entering the building puts the car on a metal "cattle grid" designed to be lifted up a central shaft. Lasers scan the vehicle to ensure that all doors are closed, read the registration, and code the arrival time into the computers and on to an electronic ticket for the driver. Once sensors have detected that the driver has left safety doors screen off the vehicle and transport it to a vacant slot.

The grid slides sideways so that the car is about six inches over a space before lowering itself through another grid, on to which it deposits the car. Mr McNally likens the technique to sliding the fingers of the left hand through the ones on the right hand. When the ticket is presented the computers tell the system to retrieve the car. This can be done in 40 seconds in a ten-Storey car park.

Mr McNally emphasises the cost, convenience and security of the system.

NICK NUTTALL



## Flood watch in the lab

A NEW national centre for modelling the impact of waves and tides on Britain's coastline is to be built by the Science and Engineering Re-search Council (SERC), Nigel Howises myles.

The sea will be modelled in a huge tank more than 150ft long and 90ft wide at Hydraulics Research, of Wallingford, Oxfordshire. The tank will be able to simulate waves, tides, and currents and measure their effects on real beaches made

The new Coastal Research Facility is the centrepiece of a £4 million, five year programme of coastal research

that was begun last week by the SERC. than it was during the 19th century. Dr Chris Fleming.

As well as modelling the impact of storms on coastal defences, the tank can be used for studying the move-ments of sand and the pollution of estuaries, bathing beaches and shellfisheries. Britain has not suffered serious coastal flooding since 1953, but there is evidence that the dangers that this will happen again may be rising. In addition to the possibility that global warming may raise the level of the sea,

studies have shown that

along the east coast storm

activity has been at a lower

level during the past 50 years

the chairman of the committee that recommended the research, says a return to carlier patterns, combined with geological shifts that are tilting Britain, could produce east coast floods on the

scale of the 1953 disasters. The Wallingford tank which models the action of the sea on a scale of 20 to one, will provide the information for improving computer models of yea behaviour.

Dr Stephen Huntingdon, senior researcher with Hydraulies Research, says there is no similar centre anywhere else in the world.

#### Vitamin lifesaver

ONE large vitamin A dose reduced deaths among mal-nourished children in Nepal by 26 per cent, says a study published in the British Medical Journal. Dr Nils Daulaire, an American researcher, reports that treating a child cost about 11p and might save millions of lives worldwide.

Genetic first

JAPANESE farmers expect soon to get the go-ahead to grow tomatoes genetically engineered to be resistant to tobacco mosaic virus, to which they are normally vulnerable. If approval is given, the tomato will be the first such product to come on to the market in Japan.

**High danger** 

MERCURY levels in the air over the Atlantic are rising steadily, according to Ger-man researchers' findings published in Nature. For 15 ears the toxic metal's concentrations over the northern Atlantic have risen by 1.46 per cent a year and over the southern Atlantic by 1.17 per cent. The increases match the growth of world energy

consumption, suggesting that most of the mercury comes from burning coal, refining ores and incinerating waste.

among lower-level workers, who lack those chances.

Some academy institutes in Novosibirsk, in Siberia, have

resolved that researchers spending three months

broad may lose their jobs.

"A more efficient way to

encourage mediocrity could

scarcely be devised," Nature

The most imaginative idea

has come from President

Minerrand, who suggests a

foundation in Russia, sup-

comments.

**Baby boon** SCIENTISTS at Israel's

Weizmann Institute and Tel Aviv Medical Centre have developed a technique for identifying babies likely to be born underweight. A urine test identifies foetuses at risk of intra-uterine growth retardation in the first six weeks after conception, much earlier than existing methods. The condition causes a third of all underweight babies, is thought to affect up to 10 per strongly linked to childhood problems such as cerebral palsy and learning difficulties. The researchers hope that early diagnosis will help to reduce the frequency of the

cent of pregnancies and is

Mini-compass

AN ELECTRONIC solidstate compass small enough to fit on a silicon chip has been developed at Polytechnic South West in Plymouth. The compass uses a sensor to detect the interaction between the Earth's magnetic field and the fields created by

The sensor could be used to create a compass to fit on a wristwatch, but it might also be used to detect the movement of a door, with possible security system applications, or to count vehicles and measure their speed.

Hunt curb

VENEZUELA is now protecting the baba, a small cousin of the alligator, which has been intensively hunted to provide skins for beits, purses and shoes. A quarter of a million were killed in the mid-1980s before the first controls. The maximum harvest is now been set at 30,000 a year. Conservationists had warned that the reptiles were in danger of extinction.

## Fly free, stay free, with The Times

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Sydney, "that blousy old tart of a town" where Conrad drank and Jan Morris once despaired, has changed in a decade from beer and pies to find a taste for champagne and swank

What doesn't change though is its brash exuberance, its seductive tropical air, and that greatest asset, its vast natural harbour, perhaps the most spectacular on earth. In Sydney all roads lead back to the waterfront, to views of the famous opera house and harbour bridge. And it is out on the water that Sydney begins to make sense.

The Manly ferry is an easy rival for the 25-cent Staten Island ferry in New York. From Circular Quay it sails

past the bridge and opera house and into waters alive with yachts, freighters and all manner of work boats. The suburbs, like small villages, rise above coves that are just minutes by ferry from the city

Sydney is red roofs, dotted in tropical vegetation and bird life and a saturation of colour that is startling to cold northern eyes.

The ultimate way to view the harbour and the Pacific coastline is a trip in one of Vic Walton's fleet of DeHavilland Beaver seaplanes. From Rose Bay, the old Empire flying boat base, they still fly north to Palm Beach and within minutes will touch down at waterside restaurants in the

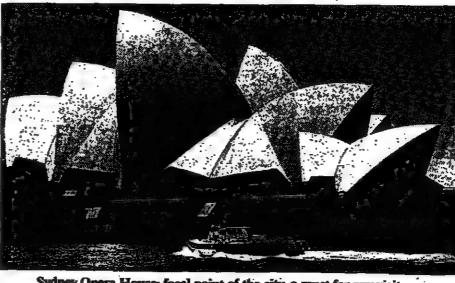
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fjords of the Hawkesbury River basin. Modern Australia is a little over 200 years old, and filled with often harsh paradoxes of a new nation built upon the world's oldest surviving culture. A visit to Redfern is a must for those curious about Australia's Aboriginal cul-

Another favourite on-shore pastime for locals and tourists is exploring the historic Rocks area behind Circular Quay, built by convict labour in Britain's penal colony. A convict family past, until very recently a source of real shame, is now flaunted with the prize of a roguish descendant of the Pilgrim Fathers.

Sydney is still a city of drinkers and gamblers, but some things, thankfully, are changing. Eating out is cosmopolitan: the Old Saigon in Newton, Gastronomia Chianti or Fatima's Lebanese restaurant in Surry Hills, or good old fish 'n' chips in Doyles at Watson's Bay.

And so to our Flexibreaks accommodation. What can one say? Your base could be at the new Sheraton Hotel at Sydney's Kingsford Smith Airport. This is the airport's only five-star accommodation, which provides firstclass restaurants, bars, live entertainment and a convenient base for exploring the city centre (15 minutes away), the surrounding countryside, and flying off to your next Australian destination.



Sydney Opera House: focal point of the city, a must for any visitor

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## **EDUCATION TIMES**

## Harvard comes to Britain

John Ashworth argues a case for the London School of Economics to be sited down by the riverside in County Hall and suggests that some universities

will develop along American lines he public, according to a survey conducted by MORI and published

last Thursday, requires universities to provide, above all, good teaching and equal educational opportunities for all their

Those who have children of student age and would be pre-pared to contribute to their tuition costs — a surprisingly high 39 per cent — also most value good teaching, but then place vocation al relevance and a good academic reputation before equal opportunities as things they value.

Not surprisingly, then, the higher education agenda for the late 1980s was dominated by the need to increase the participation rate; to persuade the universities to take their teaching and research responsibilities more seriously and to make their curricula more relevant".

That agenda is now common ground between the universities, polytechnics and political parties. The only real debate is about the rate at which it will be achieved and the cost. But what about the 1990s? Will this agenda continue to be sufficient? I doubt it.

The decision of the government to contribute to the costs of teaching additional students but not to give the universities the matching resources for research has made a stratified system of institutions inevitable. This may not be as rigid as implied by the R (for research), T (teaching) and X (for part teaching, part research) divisions recommended in the Advisory Board for the Research of London takes of its future and Council's 1985 report but it will

tend towards that pattern. We all know what T institutions look like - much like the present polytechnics — and all our present universities (with the possible exception of Oxbridge) are indubitably X's. But what will an R. university look like? How will it be funded and managed? These seem to me the questions that will be exercising us in the 1990s, and Oxbridge is not a conceivable answer, at least to me, to any of

There seem to me to be two possible models of what an R university in Britain could be like. The first is the French grande ecole, the second the American graduate school.

those questions.

The grandes écoles are small elite, vocationally orientated institutions whose teachers are pre-dominantly practitioners rather than researchers. Such institutions would sit uncomfortably within the large multi-faculty Brit-ish universities — although many British business schools reflect this

The more likely model will, I think, be the graduate schools familiar to British academics from their visits to Harvard, Stanford or MIT. The London School of Economics is already close to this pattern with 40 per cent of its students doing postgraduate de-grees of one kind or another (compare Harvard's 60 per cent) and its concentration on researchled teaching. Imperial College and University College are similar in their areas of specialisation.

Whether or not that version of a graduate school comes about will depend on the view the University on the way that higher education

develops in London. I think it is reasonably certain.



A mission to move: John Ashworth believes the London School of Economics, with its growing need for space, would be ideally situated in the former County Hall



Space to grow: the magnificent frontage of County Hall on the Thames

though, that individual institutions (LSE, UCL and Imperial certainly but maybe others, too) will be seeking to increase their proportion of postgraduate level activity. The provost of UCL has publicly stated that it is UCL's policy to create a graduate school

and my own colleagues have argued that any expansion at the LSE should occur preferentially at the postgraduate level.

The LSE's future is going to be determined in the short-term by whether or not we are successful in the bid we have made for County

Hall. The school's premises in Houghton Street are cramped, crowded and desperately in need. of refurbishment. County Hall has been lying unoccupied for years and needs to find a use that would do justice to its position and

"presence". What more logical

than that the two needs should be satisfied simultaneously?

But it is not only logic that has led us to become increasingly keen on such a prospect. The LSE's needs for space for educational and research purposes are a surprisingly "good fit" with the river-side building at County Hall. For example, the high ratio of circula-tion space to usable space, which makes conversion of the riverside building to office use so unattractive commercially, is just what is needed to cope with hundreds of students charging about and the island site could have been tailor made for our library.

Perhaps it is not so surprising that, as a public institution, we find that we fit into a public building so well. But it does mean that we would be able to occupy the building without any extensive modifications, indeed, at the moment a complete refurbishment

looks as if it would be sufficient. . But the aspect of the proposal which I find most exciting concerns what we might do with the space in the riverside building that we did not need for educational and scholarly purposes and with the north and south office blocks.

We plan to use these spaces for what, by analogy with the science and technology parks that have been created around our provincial universities, I have termed a "social science park". Here symbiotic commercial activities, "spinoff" companies, consultancy and other activities based on "adding value" to the skills and knowledge which the LSE and its staff posse could be expected to flourish and develop in ways which we cannot predict. What can be predicted, with some confidence, is that the LSE would, through its "park", be intimately concerned with the development of the commercial and other aspects of London as it fights to retain in the next century the pre-eminence that it now has in financial and other activities.

That, too, I would regard as a vital aspect of any R institution that like the LS social sciences.

. John Ashworth is the director of the London School of Economics.

MONASH UNIVERSITY

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR

Monash University is one of Australia's largest universities with an international reputation for its research and teaching. The University seeks to appoint as Deputy Vice-Chancellor for a term of seven years a person tho will be the senior Deputy to the Vice-Chancellor and President and who will have broad corporate responsibilities.

The University places great importance on this position, since the successful appointee will, to a large degree, give leadership to the internal affairs of the University and will represent and deputine for the Vice-Chancellor as

## How to teach reading

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working party set up by Croydon, one of the boroughs at the heart of the reading controversy. has come to much the same conclusions as education secretary Kenneth Clarke's 'three wise men".

An earlier study by a group of education psychologists on 347,000 seven-year-olds in nine local education authorities, including Croydon, in south London, showed that reading standards had fallen drastically.

Determined to find the true picture in its schools. Croydon set up a small reading working group and commissioned a survey from the National Foundation for Educational Research

Using a standard comprehension test (100 equals average performance), the score fell from 98.7 in 1987-88 to 96.9 in 1989-90. In accuracy, the figure fell from 98.8 to 97.1. National figures show an overall drop of 2.5 per cent in the same period.

The Croydon report says that there should be more organised group work and whole class teaching in some schools. It says that it should be possible to ensure that all children can read to average ability by the time they are seven.

Paul Benians, Croydon's director of education, added: There were some classes where there were groups of children sitting round tables with some reading and writing, others doing maths design and science. In some cases individual children at the same table were doing different things.

The main factors in teaching children to read successfully, the report says, are parental involvement, motivated pupils, a well-managed school, clear curriculum and assessment policies, and high expectations of all pupils. regardless of their ability or

The NFER survey shows



Helping hand: teaching at Norbury Manor Primary School

that 27 per cent of the children interviewed said that they had been taught to read by their parents. Very few, however, said that they had been taught to write at home. Mr Benians says that it was important to link reading and writing and to incorporate them both in other lessons, such as design, technology

leacher assessement of children at five will be introduced to identify those children who will not reach the average ability in national curriculum reading tests by the time they are "This must alert schools to the need to provide a programme of more intensive support for these pupils, which continues to involve home as well as school and could entail extra tuition," the

report says. "Where early diagnosis reveals pupils with specific learning difficulties. class teachers should have training in supporting these pupils throughout the curriculum. If necessary, additional support

out of school hours should be

arranged." Extra help is to be provided for teachers and children and it may be necessary to open reading centres in the holidays. The working group also came to the conclusion that children receive considerable benefit from nursery education. In Croydon in 1989 there were only 600 nursery places for three to four-yearolds. The figure has now risen 10 1.200 and further expan-

sion is planned. Croydon is not one of the 28 authorities chosen to take part in the reading recovery scheme which, at a cost of £10 million is expected to help about 15.000 six-year-olds to read over three years. Under the scheme, children will be taken out of the classroom reading lessons.

The maximum course is for 20 weeks but experience has

CHANGING STANDARDS Reading comprehension Accuracy 1985-6 1986-7 99,1 99,2 98,7 99.6 99.4 98.8 1987-8 1988-9 1989-90 Source, MFER examment in Croydol
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shown that many pupils reach the average reading ability for their age within 12 to 14 weeks. Brian Howes the chief education inspector, said that Croydon would hope to begin work on a similar programme for its schools in April.

Diane Pounder, the head of the 345 pupil Norbury Manor Primary School, was cho-sen by her fellow heads to cooperate with the working party. She said: "The report is good commonsense which many of us have wanted to say for a very long time."

Mrs Pounder is not convinced, however, that there should be a widespread return to whole class teaching. She says: "The appropriate grouping depends on what and who you are teaching. Whole class teaching is sometimes used if we are introducing something that is new or relevant to the whole class or lesson such as music and physical education. But it would, for example, be im-practicable if children were doing an experiment."

rs Pounder's school has a high turnover of pupils because many of the families in the area are in temporary accommodation. Up to 30 nationalities are represented in Norbury Manor, speaking a total of 20 languages.

While accepting that this did make for difficulties in teaching reading and writing, Mrs Pounder says that there are other equally important factors. Only 10 per cent of the children in the school's high band of achievement came from families on income support while the figure rose to 60 per cent of those in the low band.

She has some doubts, too, whether it would be possible and given daily half-hour to turn every child into a competent reader by seven. These proposals are an effective way of moving towards this but they will not guarantee it," she says.

"There will always be some children who will need extra support. They can make tremendous progress but still not be able to read by seven. But we will now all look at ways of doing more and

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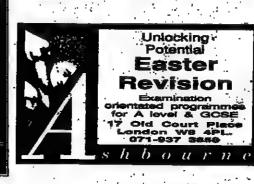
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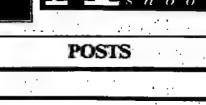












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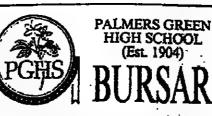
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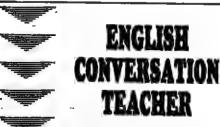
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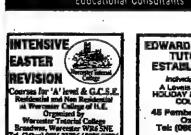
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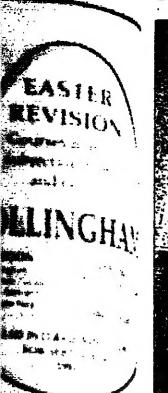


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A microcosm of modern society? Girls at Rugby school now live in small Houses in an atmosphere more akin to family life than do boys at the Warwickshire school

#### Rugby plans a revolution changed rather than abolished. A The historic public school welcomes the new strengths that

thing when it provides young people with what they most need: confidence and a feeling that they have a place and a purpose in the world. reminds us of the best things that good men and women have achieved and of the necessity for us quietly to strive in the same way. If the heart of the matter goes, however, and only the superstructure is left, tradition and those who bray for it become dangerous. On the north window of Rugby's chapel are inscribed those amazing words of one of the best rearrangers of a civilisation's furniture: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets, I am come not to destroy, but to

When Matthew Arnold stood by his father's tomb in 1857, he saw what mattered about the past that, at its best, it produced great people, who were "helpers and friends of mankind".

That is the purpose of coeducation at Rugby: to accept that a microcosm of today's society is. complex rather than simple, resorather than tearful, to be shared rather than conquered in solitude.

There is no way in which this can properly be done by a boys' school that takes girls into its sixth form only. Many schools, including Rugby, have done this

with foresight, but the premise is wrong. At Rugby, the 50 girls who annually join the sixth form are selected on a competitive basis; they live in small Houses in an atmosphere more akin to family life than is possible in the larger boys' Houses. They have no responsibility for

younger pupils, they do not wear uniforms, they come from 40 or so different schools, and they are in a

minority in all sorts of ways.

Last September, 76 of the 95 boys who came to Rugby came from coeducation. It seems odd to give them a three-year separation. Yes, boys and girls together create some problems -- recently I asked two sixth-formers to leave for having had sexual intercourse with counselling, care, advice, pro-grammes of individual and social education at 13 and 16, and awareness by tutors and house Four housemistresses join

going partly coeducational is bringing, says Michael Mavor

Rugby's staff in September, a year before the first 13 year-old girls arrive. More women will follow. Any change involves pain. I shall never forget walking into the dining-rooms of Bradley and Stanley Houses at 8.30am and 8.45am last March to tell the boys that their Houses were to be

converted into girls' Houses. There was grief but they were big

enough to see that there was life after death — and so it has proved. The boys were warmly wel-comed into their new Houses in September, and they and their parents also came to see and feel the sense of the overall plan, and that Rugby is a school rather than a collection of Houses, although of course some still do not agree with

is a help not so much with numbers, as with quality (by which I mean a willingness to have a go and to see things through).
The curriculum will be the same

for boys and girls. It will include compulsory courses in the new design centre.

There will be similar patterns of uniform, accommodation and of responsibility, and the traditional games will be supplemented by the many individual sports already on offer in the new sports centre. Exchanges with schools in Western and Eastern Europe will be avail-

am pleased to see the estates staff undertaking almost all the conversion work (there will be five Houses for girls) with sighs and grunts of creative delight. Training courses for prefects (and an annual review for all staff) will help to encourage the new style of leadership, which must involve a deep knowledge of

of true minds

In this way the old, feared The author is the headmaster of toughness of Rugby will be Rugby School

intimidating them and to recog-

nise that decent, tolerant behav-

The best marriages, after all, are

surely those that involve friend-ship, and one of the great achieve-

ments of real coeducation is to

demonstrate to boys and girls that they can be friends. All the other

aspects of romance and love also

need to be considered by a

coeducational school so that there

are clear guidelines, counsel and

rules all the way.

Not everybody will marry.

fine school there are so many other

links to be made. Perhaps Shake-

speare should have the last word:

Let me not to the marriage

vorthwhile human activity.

## Children may yet call the tune

Do Kenneth Clarke's proposals strike the wrong note for young music-makers?

ne of the greatest con-cerns of music educators. perhaps the greatest at this stage, must be to safeguard the future of Britain's youth orchestras and choirs, which are the envy of the world.

They represent an excellence that it would be crazy to throw away and provide a stimulus for the enjoyment of music through-out the school system.

These orchestras and choirs depend on collective provision, which usually means local authority funding. Such funding is not compatible with local management of schools. Special airangements have to be made if the collective funding is to be provided out of the distributed budgets now controlled by

However, Kenneth Clarke has partly met the strong and articu-late criticism by leading musicians, including Simon Rattle, the conductor, of the earlier proposals by the National Curric-

The education secretary has emphasised the practical nature of music two-thirds of the time, he says, should be devoted to music-

making. The council's recommen-dations would have put too much weight on factual good school should ask its boys information, as and girls to make hard choices opposed to mak-ing and experienbetween work and play, to distinguish between what the cing music. Howheart knows is right and what the ever, because of crowd says is cool, to nudge and what he describes encourage people without ever as "various musicians getting frightfully excited", Mr Clarke iour is the foundation of all

has apparently been persuaded to take at least half a step back from

this lunacy. There remains a mostly synthetic argument about the mix of composers and styles that should dominate the musical repertoire. Although it is undesirable to prescribe this in detail. Mr Clarke has made it clear he wants children to be introduced first to the Western tradition. What happens in practice may

owe more to the experience of teachers and pupils than to minhowever, not everybody in a coeductional school needs a isterial preferences. Mr Clarke boyfriend or a girlfriend, and in a may consider it condescending to ethnic minority groups to start their musical education from within their own cultural tradition, but in the end it may be the children who call the tune, rather

He would be wiser to go back to National Festival of Music for

original music working group, which was told to "advise on a statutory framework sufficiently broad and flexible to allow schools wide discretion in relation to the matters to be studied". Attention must also be focused

on some of the report's unrealistic programmes of study.

For example, under attainment target 2 at key stage 2 — for seven to 1 I-year-olds, children must be taught to "recognise the distinc-tive characteristics of music from the following periods: medieval, renaissance, baroque, classical, romantic, recent and contemporary" and "identify the characteris-tics of music from different styles and genres, including opera, ballet, folk and jazz and different cultures and traditions".

information overkill ould be impossible to sustain at primary school level.

If the curriculum is overloaded, things will get worse. In many areas, local authorities are time ming education budgets to live within their means, and music education and the other arts are often the first to be cut. This

the funding for the arts, the lower their status becomes. The lower their status, the lower their priority for the future. The gap between what is on offer in the prosperous sub-urbs and the inner-city schools is widening. Where music can be afforded, it is flourishing: where its energising and

Larry Westland: preserve school musical excellence influence is most needed, it is in decline

The recent report by National Foundation for Educational Re-search records a sharp decline in the number of peripatetic music teachers, and a 15 per cent cut in staffing in metropolitan areas.

Music teaching is one of the
shortage subject categories.

The "extended musical curricu-

hum", which is just as central to the aims of education as Mr Clarke's other prescriptions, must be protected, if necessary, by the creation of a new ad hoc support body, or by the extension of the remit of an existing agency such as the Arts Council.

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The fastest

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nitain's private schools have discovered a new market: live-year-olds. Traditionally, children have had to be seven years old before preparatory schools would receive them for their first fee-paying education. But after a decade of tur-

moil in education, thousands of parents of younger children are turning to the private sector for infant schooling at 'pre-preps".

Pre-preps, either as schools or special departments which cater for children aged five to seven, are the fastest-growing area of independent schools. Within a few years, it could be commonplace for children to begin their private school career in a pre-prep, or even younger, at a private nursery or kindergarten.

Last year, nearly 5 per cent more six-year-olds attended a pre-prep than in 1990. The number of five-year-olds rose by nearly 4 per cent.

In private nurseries and kindergartens, the increase is even more striking. The number of three-year-olds in schools registered by ISIS, the Independent Schools Information Service, rose by almost 8 per cent.

There were even 2,000 twoyear-olds, an increase of more than 13 per cent.

The explosion of interest in private education for the under-sevens has gratified

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Ring cycle: parents want continuity, according to Elizabeth Major, the headmistress

the schools, delighted prep school head teachers, and may come as no surprise to parents fighting to find a reasonable standard of education in Britain's hardpressed state infant schools. In the past, children des-

tined for private school have spent the first two years at a state-run infants' school before enrolling at a preparatory school. According to Elizabeth Major, the headmistress of Warwick Preparatory School, disillusion with the state sector is a strong factor in the recent shift. "Parents are looking for

continuity in education. Sadly, the state system is in such a state of flux that children are not getting a good grounding in many local infants schools," Miss Major said.

Here, parents know their children are going to get a solid foundation to build on." Warwick, like many prep

schools, opened its own preprep department in response to demand.

In the past ten years, the pre-prep has more than doubled in size and there is now a three-year waiting list for places. The pre-prep has its own sports hall, gym and dining room: Its staff-pupil ratio is about one to ten. With both parents com-

monly out at work, the growth of private nurseries and pre-preps is fostered fur-ther. While state infant schools close in mid-afternoon, many private schools stay open late.

Dane Wilson, a designer. chose a private school partly for this reason. His son, Daniel, aged three, is in the nursery at Hill House, Kensington, perhaps the bestknown pre-prep in the country. He is at school from 8.30am to 5.30pm. "Hill House is not that expensive

compared to baby minding fees: about £3,000," Mr Wilson said. "It's also a much better investment. My son is quite bright, and needs more stimulation than a baby-minder would provide."

Elsewhere, pre-preps flourish because parents know they are an excellent grounding for entry to local preparatory schools. "Infant schools have one job and we have another. Our job is to prepare children for prep school," Andrew Brown, headmaster of Polam School, Bedfordshire, said.

"We are very well aware of what is required to meet the entry standards, and we mould our curriculum accordingly. But I hope no parent sends a child here specifically to pass an exam. Education is about far more than that."

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## to attract children from

KUTTLESHULME School. in Cheshire, which has only 21 pupils, has become the smallest school to be allowed to upt out of local authority control The decision ends a four-year campaign by parents to prevent its closure.

Don Pries, the parents' action group chairman, said the school, which had only a dozen pupils when it was listed for closure, was starting

#### neighbouring villages. In April, it will switch to grantmaintained status. Numbers up

THE Polytechnic of Central London is planning a £20 million expansion when it becomes the University of Westminster. The number of students will double to 8,000.

#### **New direction**

Directions Week '92, a series of events jointly sponsored by The Times, will take place in London from June 30 until

#### NOTICEBOARD

July 4. The two-day London Graduate Recruitment Fair, will be followed by the Schools Fair, providing advice for school-leavers on careers and higher education courses.

#### Labour pledge

JACK Straw, Labour's education spokesman, has committed a Labour government to the establishment of a general teaching council in its first session of Parliament. He

told a London meeting last week that the council would allow teachers to regulate their own affairs in the same way as other professions.

#### Casual money THE casual look of pupils at

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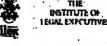
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"Preserving" the character or appearance of buildings or land

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Planning Act 1971, was not restricted to positive contributions to preservation but included

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an appeal by South Lakeland District Council from the Court of

Appeal (Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Mann and Sir Chris-

topher Slade) (The Times March 21, 1991; [1991] 1 WLR 1322)

who had allowed an appeal by the Secretary of State for the Environ-

ment from Mr Lionel Read, QC,

sitting as a deputy High Court judge on February 26, 1990. The

deputy judge, on an application by the council had quashed a

decision by an inspector ap-pointed by the secretary of state

Section 277(8) of the 1971 Act.

as inserted by section 1(1) of the Town and Country Amenities Act

1974, provides: "Where any area

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Regina v Desai In a case where the burden of proof had shifted to the defendant, there was no special burden upon the judge to identify a piece evidence which helped the defendant on a matter which he had to prove, and to tell the jury that that was capable of assisting

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Ognall and Mr Justice May) so stated on January 21, when dismissing the appeal of Girish Desai against his conviction on August 30, 1990 at Kingston upon Thames Crown Court (Judge Baker and a jury) of unlawful eviction, contrary to section 1(2) of the Protection from Eviction Act 1977, on which he imprisonment, suspended for two years, and ordered to pay \$2,500

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that it had been argued that where the issue included the consideration of whether the appellant believed with reasonable cause that the complainants were no longer residential occupi-ers of his flat, the judge should have done what had to be done in a case requiring corroboration. which was to identify the particular parts of the evidence capable tounting to corroboration.

No authority had been pointed to which supported that proposition and their Lordships rejected it and the other points made on behalf of the appellant.

Burden of proof

essentially positive.

ity of preserving or enhancing that character as well as its appearance. The concept of avoiding harm is essentially negative. The underlying purpose of section 277(8) seems to me to be

That passage, and certain other passages from decisions of judges at first instance, had been extensively reviewed by Lord Justice Glidewell in The Bath Society v

... providing great care was Secretary of State for the exercised in the detailed design of Environment [1991] 1 WLR the proposed house ... the pro-

"[Counsel for the secretary of state] argued that a conclusion that a proposed development would do no harm is equivalent to Even if that is correct (and adopting the approach of Mr Lionel Read, QC, in Steinberg I doubt whether it is) this is not what, in my view, the inspector himself concluded."

In the instant case, Lord Justice Mann, having considered the Bath case, had said [1991] 1 WLR 1322, 1326-1327): "The statutorily desirable object of preserving the character or appearance of an area is achieved either by a positive contribution to preservation or by development which leaves character or appearance unharmed, that is to say,

His Lordship agreed with that construction of section 277(8). It not only gave effect to the or-dinary meaning of the statutory dinary, meaning of the statutory language, it also avoided imput-ing to the legislature a rigidity of planning policy for which it was difficult to see any rational

Where a particular dev-elopment would not have any adverse effect on the character or appearance of the area and was otherwise unobjectionable on planning grounds, one might ask rhetorically what possible plan-ning reason there could be for refusing to allow it.

All building development had to involve change, and if the objective of section 277(8) had been to inhibit any building development that was not either a development by way of reinstatepreservation") or a develo that positively enhanced

## Dabbling in death

Regina v Clarke (Anthony) Dabbling in the injection of

heroin was dabbling in potential death, as the instant case showed, Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice said in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) on an appeal by An-thony John Clifford Clarke, a drug abuser, against a five-year sentence passed by Mr Justice Turner at Stafford Crown Court on a plea of guilty to man-slaughter. Clarke had injected the drug into John Peter Thomas, a heroin abuser, who asked for help on failing to inject himself.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Jowitt) so held on January 21, in reducing the sentence to 34

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that their Lordships could not fault the semencing judge's approach. He had said that passing a severe sentence was to bring home to those who meddled with heroin or other such drugs did so at their peril, that cavalier disregard of the law would be punished.

Such drugs were potentially lethal and where death supervened, however unexpectedly, a conviction for manslaughter might follow and with it severe ishment.

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Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Taylor and Lord Justice

Scott [Judgment January 30]

A prisoner serving a discretionary life sentence who applied for release on licence was entitled to see any reports or information to be placed before the Parole Board that suggested he remained a

danger to the public.
The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when allowing an appeal by the applicant, Benja-min William Wilson, from the order of Mr Justice Simon Brown in July 1991 that had refused him declaratory relief to establish his rights against the board and

the Home Department. Mr Edward Fitzgerald for the applicant; Mr Robert Jay for the Parole Board and the Home

ainst the Secretary of State for

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR said that in 1972 the applicant was given a discretionary life sentence for buggery. 20 years later, aged 76, and despite a number of reviews by the board. he was still in prison. He sought declarations as to his rights in regard to the last review in 1989 and the current review that was

In 1989 the European Com-mission of Human Rights had held in the applicant's favour that there had been a violation of there had been a violation of article 5(4) of the European Convention on Human Rights (1953) (Cmnd 9969). The Commission's decision was upheld by the European Court of Human Rights in Thynne, Wil-son and Gunnell v UK (The Times December 10, 1990). The review procedure of the board was held

not to comply with the require-ments of review by a court. Notwithstanding that roling and the government's acceptance of the need to change procedures, requests by the applicant for disclosure of "reasons, reports or facts adverse to his request for release" were rejected.

The Criminal Justice Act 1967 had created the Parole Board with the duty of advising the Home Secretary as to release and recall of prisoners. Save where a prisoner released on licence was recalled, that Act contained no requirements for the board to give reasons or to provide a prisoner with copy of any material to be put hefore it.

However, the Criminal Justice Act 1991 contained provisions acknowledging the government's acceptance of its obligations. But the relevant sections of that Act were not yet in force and the applicant could not expect to

me under the new legislation until October 1992 at the earliest.

Court of Appeal

Mr Fitzgerald submitted that the applicant ought not to have to wait for new legislation and thus miss the opportunity of making representations with full knowlege of any adverse reports at his present review. He was en-titled either by implication under the 1967 Act or as a requirement of natural justice under the com-mon law to disclosure of the equested material

The determinative ground had to be natural justice: see per Lord Justice Brightman in Payne v Lord Harris of Greenwich [1981] 1 WLR 754, 766).

Mr Fitzgerald said that the matter demanded the utmost fairness: it concerned the liberty of the subject. The review was of the one factor, danger, which would justify continuing the detention of a man of 76 after some 19 years. If he was to make informed representation to the board he had to know the case he

Relying on the decisions of the Court of Appeal in Payne and in Rv Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Gunnell (The Times November 7, 1984) Mr Jay argued that the court was bound to reach a contrary

Payne was decided in 1981 when established views on prisoners' rights were very different from today. Moreover, it was distinguishable and not binding on the court.

Gunnell could not be distin-

guished but Mr Fitzgerald was persuasive in arguing that the court should not follow it. In a case involving the liberty of the subject, the court was not bound by an earlier decision if it considered injustice might thereby result: see per Lord Justice May in R v Spencer [[1985] 1 QB 771].

It would be unjust to follow Payne or Gunnell and rule that the applicant was not entitled to see the reports to be put to the board. He ought to know what was being said against him.

The Home Office's approach had changed since Payne and Gunnell and new statutory provisions were in place. When they came into force the applicant would be entitled by statute to

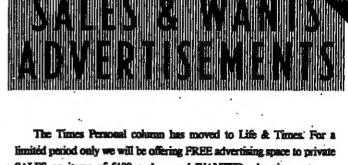
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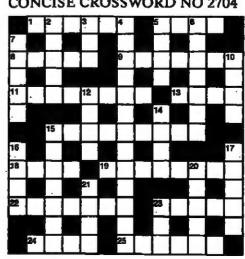
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9.50 Hot Chefs. Bistro-style food (5516406)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (6373319) 10.00 Playdays (r) (1056241) 10.25 Pingu (r) (6376406) 10.35 No Kidding. Mike Smith hosts the family quiz (s) (5846777) 11.00 News, regional news and weather (7442512) 11.05 Rosemary

Contey advises on diet and exercise (7733951) 11.30 People Today calebrates the Queen's fortieth anniversary as monarch, and the Chinese new year (1628)

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12.00 News, regional news and weather (2005425) 12.20 Pebble Mill (s)
(3325512) 12.55 Regional news and weather (90422154)

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (12628)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefex) (s) (60544425)

1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly hosts the European quiz (60548241)

2.15 Snooker: Benson and Hedges Masters. Earnorn Holmes introduces live coverage of the match between Gary Wilkinson and Alain Bohldours and highlights of the preliminary round match Alain Robidoux and highlights of the preliminary round match between Tony Jones and Ken Doherty (7087135)

3.00 Holiday. Anneka Rice provides the clues for this year's Rection Times/Holiday competition (6662951)

3.25 Bazaar with Nerys Hughes (6681086)
3.50 Children's BBC: Barney (r) (6194135) 3.55 Radio Roo. Fifth of a 13-part comedy drama (s) (6200628) 4.10 The Stanley Stories: Flat Stanley. David Healy reads the first of three stories by Jeff Brown for Jackanory (6723357) 4.25 Fantastic Max (r) (9394203) 4.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles. (Ceefax) (2780338) 5.00 Newsround (3103864) 5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceefax) (s) (5818628) 5.35 Neighborra (c) (Ceefax) (282951) Northern Instruct Instruction 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (262951). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax)

Weather (96) 6.30 Regional news magazines (46). Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r).

7.00 Wogan. In the last of Terry Wogan's political debates for election year, Conservative party spokesmen answer questions put by the audience. The panel includes MPs Michael Heseltine denvironment), Tom King (defence), Angela Rumbold (home affairs) and William Waldegrave (health) (s) (8661)



Watch out: Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton (7.30pm)

7.30 Watchdog. John Stapleton investigates the Family Health Service Authority which deals with compleints against GPs (32)

8.00 May to December, Languid romantic comedy staming Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop (r). (Ceefax) (4609)

8.30 Wildlife on One: When the Fish Come Out

● CHOICE: Say the word quickly and it sounds like "hooligan" but the fish in this stirring film by wildlife specialists Mark Deeble and Victoria Stone are actually called eulochon. They are small and innocuous and spend most of their life at see. But once a year they gather in their millions, and this is no exaggeration, to swim up gather in their millions, and this is no exaggeration, to swin up remote rivers to spawn. As they do so they become a tasty meal for such feersome predators as trumpback whales, seals, sea lions and bald eagles. Men, too, takes his cut. The fearless Deeble and Stone report on this staughter from uninviting waters around Alaska, with huge and hungry whales seemingly poised to gobble them up. Happily the awesome mammats skip Deeble and Stone and go for the eulochon instead, consuming up to a ton of fish a day, it is a film to make you glad of the comfort of your living room. (Caster) (a) (3116)

(Ceefax) (s) (3116) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1785)

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9.30 Panorama: The Third Men. Paddy Ashdown, the leader of the Liberal Democrats, may hold the befance of power in the event of a hung parliament after the general election. Gavin Hewitt considers what the politician and his party stand for (759222)

10.10 Snooker: Benson and Hedge Masters. Eamonn Holmes introduces the second-round match between former masters.

Jimmy White and Doug Mountipy (418785)

11.10 Cardens by Design with David Stevens (r). (Ceetax) (745999)

11.40 Advice Shop investigates house fires (r) (314338)

12.00 Weether (7384346) 12.05am Close (227636)

2.99 The Way Ahead. Third of 12 programmes on April's new benefits

for disabled people (3200568). Ends at 2.15

#### BBC 2

8.00 Breakfast News (2805609) 8.15 Westminster (2888932) 8.30 Antiques at Home. Michael Newman visits a period 1930s clifftop bungalow at Zennor, close to Land's End (r) (20086)

9.00 Daytime on Two 2.00 News and weather (10858222) followed by Storytime: Desperate

for a Dog (r) (74409338)
2.15 Impressions. A day at RAF Coltishell in Norfolk (r) (74499222)
2.25 Songs of Praise from Olney (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9376609)
3.00 News and weather (8244777) followed by Snooker: Benson and Hedges Mastera. Earnonn Holmes presents further coverage of the match between Gary Wilkinson and Alain Robidoux from the Wembley Conference Centre (7016654) 3.50 News and weather. regional news and weather (7029406)

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4.00 One in Four. Mik Scarlet asks why it is so difficult for disabled musicians to break in to the contemporary music business (61)
4.30 Behind the Headlines with Jane Corbin (s) (45)
5.00 Cricket: Second Test. Peter Williams introduces highlights of the match between New Zeeland and England (8067)
5.30 Film '92 with Barry Norman (r) (s) (25)
6.00 A Guestion of Sport (r). (Ceefax) (s) (38)
6.30 100 Greet Sporting Momenta. Torvill and Dean perform their Barrierin routine in the 1963 world ice skating championship (792338)

6.40 Det il: The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. Will and his girlfriend Kathleen are trapped in a basement after an earthquake (528680)

7.05 Def II: Open to Question. Bernadette McAliskey, former Northern treland MP, faces questions from a studio audience (261609)

tretand MP, faces questions from a studio audience (2010/3)

7.40 Voices from the Past: Black Mejesty — Africa 1935 (b/w).
Lawrence Thaw's 11,000-mile saferi across Africa (683241)

8.10 Horizon: Malaria — Battle of the Merozoites

• CHOICE: Malaria kills more people than any other parasitic disease. Some 40 per cent of the world's population is exposed to malaria and the victims include two million children a year. In the early 1990s a Columbian chemist, Dr Manuel Patarroyo, claimed to ve come up with the answer — the first effective vaccine. But his findings and reputation have come under intense scrutiny from the Western scientific establishment. Five years after Dr Patarroyo published his results the debate still rages. Is the vaccine one of the most important scientific advances of the century or a take promise? Teresa Hunt's film is a fair-minded attempt to weigh the evidence. Dr Patarroyo is eloquent and persuasive but has so far failed to kill the doubts. Among the scaptics is our own Medical Research Council. Underlining the affair is the suspicion that the first world is doubting the competence of third world science (Cestax) (s) (147116)



A hero debunked: Daniel Massey talks to his parrot (9.00pm)

CHOICE: Any idea that we should be celebrating Christopher Columbia, 500 years after his terrious voyage to the Caribbaan, as some sort of a hero is strongly contested in this debunking drama by the playwright Peter Barnes, in the version according to Barnes, Columbus (Daniel Messey) is a cynical materialist, determined to take his 10 per cent cut of the new world's riches. He manages to persuade the Spanish royals, Ferdinand and Isabella (Alex Jennings and Harrist Watter), to back his trip, only to discover that they are just as greedy and unprincipled as he is. When he gets to the Carlibbean he deserts his partner (Timothy West) and is convinced that Cube is part of India. A gloomily-lit studio drama has Columbus as a disgrunted old man telling the tale in fleshback to his parrot (voiced by Jack Shepherd). If Barnes is right even school history book should be immediately rewritten. (Ceofed) (s (73/574) 9.50 10 x 10: Back to Eden. A series of short films by new directors.

Tonight's is a comedy thriller by Deborah Collerd (r) (s) (887067) 10.00 The Palibearer's Revue, Comedy and magic with Jerry Sadowitz

and Dreenagh Darrell (s) (92203)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (782222)

11.15 The Late Show (s) (402357) 11.55 Weather (567593)

12.00 Open University. Living with Technology: A Matter of Resource

12.25am Behind the Headlines (r) (8875568). Ends at 1.00

#### ITV

6.00 TV-em (9814809) 9.25 Keynotes. Alistair Divell with the music quiz (1621951) 9.55 Thames News (4677045) 10.00 The Time... the Place... John Stapleton hosts a tocical

discussion (3414837) 10.40 This Morning. Richard Medeley and Judy Finnigan present the

family magazine (3380135)
12.10 Rosie and Jim. The children's puppet sense looks at trees 12.30 ITN News. (Oracle) Weather (6141135) 1.10 Thames News

1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Oracle) (97907067) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama series (s) (52301661)

2.20 Themes Help presented by Jackie Spreckley (26465339)
2.50 Families. Anglo-Australian scap (s) (4398883) 3.15 ITN News headlines (8254154) 3.20 Themes News headlines (8251067)

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3.25 The Young Doctors. Hospital drama series (6667405)
3.55 Children's ITV: Josie Smith. Children's drama series (8188574)
4.00 T-Bag and the Sunstance of Montezzana (8198951) 4.25
Chip 'n' Dalie Rescue Rangers. Cartoon (r) (8976405) 4.50
Utterly Brilliant. Timmy Mallett learns to hip hop (s) (4760777)
5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for hancourse (5802067)

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6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (64)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (16)
7.00 Wish You Were Here? Guest presenter Floelia Benjamin takes a Caribbean cruise; Judith Chalmers concludes her series on winter. holidays at a village in Scotland and announces the winner of the European section of the Tourism for Tomorrow award for "green" tourist projects. (Oracle) (s) (3357)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (28)



A candidate for the next cabinet?: Penelope Keith (8.00pm)

2.00 No Job for a Ledy: What Care? What Compensation? Perceptive comedy staring Penelope Keith as a Labour MP. (Oracle) (s) (9777)

2.30 World in Action: Breest implants — Paying the Price. The current affairs programme investigates fresh evidence on the safety of breast implant products (1512)

9.00 ET C.L.D.: Nothing is Forever. Cheerful and undersanding comedy series about Britons living on the Costa del Sol. Mercer (Kenneth Cranham) is suspected of steeling a diamond necklace. With John Sird and Amanda Redman. (Oracle) (s) (1609)

With John Sird and Amenda Redman. (Oracle) (s) (1609) 10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (29357) 10.30 Thame (379970)

10.40 Film: Blackout (1985). Predictable suspense thriller staming Richard Widmark as a retired policemen doggedly tracking an amnesiac (Keith Carradine) who is the chief suspect in a murder investigation. Kathleen Quinlan provides the love interest. Directed by Douglas Hokox (29998425)

12.30am Sportsworld Extra. Tony Francis introduces highlights of the weekend's footbell (20088)

kend's football (29988) 1.30 Film: Charley Varrick (1973). Tough, taut thriller starring Wat Mattheu as a small-time bank robber who inadvertently at

fis. With Joe Don Beker. Directed by Don (Dirty Herry) Siegel (54013)
3.30 Reap the Whirtwind. First episode of a new historical drama set in

r about a sc

Cape Town during the early part of the 19th century (96433) 4.39 Stage One with the Indie band Happy Mondays (a) (44094) 5.30 ITN Morning News (58593), Ends at 6.00

#### **CHANNEL 4**

B.00 Channel 4 Daily (9805951) 9.25 Schools (94019593) 12.00 Right to Reply. Sheena McDonald invites viewers to challenge programme makers about television (r). (Teletext) (19970) 12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons (38593)

1.00 Sesame Street. Innovative early learning senes (33048) 2.00 Film: The Scapegoat (1959, b/w). Despite the talent involved. including Alec Guinness, Bette Davis and director Robert (Kind Hearts and Coronets) Harner, this is a disappointing adaptation of Daphne du Maurier's tale of a French count doubling as an English

teacher to murder his rich wite (796932) 3.45 La Femme de Papier. Short film from Belgium about a photographer obsessed with the image of a woman's face (r) (8202086)

4.00 How Does Your Garden Grow? Philip Wood and David Wison visit a garden in Dublin (r). (Teletext) (57)

4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley and Carol Vorderman host the words and numbers game (s) (41) 5.00 The Late Show. Gay Byrne with topical chat from Dublin

(3970)
6.00 The Cosby Show: Shakespears. Roscoe Lee Browne and

Christopher Plummer guest on the Bill Cosby sitcom (r) (26)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Rosa (s) (86)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Zemab Badawi (Teletext) Weather (886932)

7.50 Comment. A chance to air a personal view (988834) 8.00 Brookside. More trouble and gnet in the Merseyside close

(Teletext) (s) (7319)
8.30 Desmond's: Roots Tradition. Less than razor-sharp comedy from the south London berbershop (Teletext) (s) (9154) 9.00 The Falldands War: Bloody Chaos

● CHOICE: The final programme of Denys Blakeway's revealing series looks at the land battles on the Falkland islands and once again draws its strength from eye-wilness accounts. The film brings out two recurring themes, the political pressure from London for early victories and intense rivalries within the military. Neither helped the troops on the ground. The verdict is that the British campaign was britiantly tought against heavy odds. In the first battle, the attack on the Argentine garrison at Goose Green the paratroopers were outnumbered by three to one and had no support from the air. In addition, details of their advance were leaked by politicians in London and broadcast on the World Service. The rest of the war was bedevilled by antagonism between the bettle-hardened 3rd Brigade and the new armysis of the 5th Brigade. Fortunately the Argentines surrendered before it really mattered. (Teletext) (2951)

encan drama about a group o friends in their thirties. (Teletext) (932628)



Fighting women: Iris Mar and Raimunda Solino (10.55pm)

10.55 Global Image: Amazon Sisters. How the women of Brazi's Amazonian rainforest are fighting to defend their environment against industrial development. The film visits sawmills, smelting plants and malaria swamps to reveal a disquisting story of poverty nd exploitation (8871932)

and exploration (8871932)

12.00 Tonight with Jonathen Ross (r) (s) (90742)

12.30em Filizz: Ninetsen Ninetsen (1985). Maria Scheil and Paul Scoffeld play patients of Sigmund Freud, articulating private discoveries and public passions, in an ambitious but stodgly written drama directed by Hugh Brody. Frank Finlay supplies the voice of Freud. Shot in colour and black and white. In French with Each subtition (829020). Ends at 2.15 Each subtition (829020). Ends at 2.15 Each subtition (829020). English subtitles (828029). Ends at 2.15am

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2.40 Princess Kate (1988); On her four-tenth birthley; Kate discovers she is adopted. Staring Justine Clarten (27838/32)

4.15 Robotsch — The Movie (1996); Animated adventure (18286)

8.15 A Time Of Destiny (1988); A Besque ghi slopes with her lover (172528)

8.15 Corna (1978); Genevieve Bujotti stars as a nuse at a hospital whose search for butth brings her grave danger (444970)

10.15 A Cry For Help (1998); A moving time about wite abuse (84083)

11.55 The Warning (1979); Violent base of New York street gange (142809)

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10.00 The Candidate (1972): Robert Reddord steins as a lawyer fighting the American political system (87683)
12.00 Cindy Eller (1989): Modern day version of the Candirelle story (80670)
1.00am A Desperate Ext (1989): A boy is befilled by his best thand's suicide (86390)
2.00 The Guns and the Fury (1981): Adventure set at the turn of the century spaning Peter Graves (26796)

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4.00 Battle Beyond the Stars (1980): Outer-spece adventure (2406)
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8.00 My Stepmother is an Allen (1988): Comedy about a sciential researching life in outer spece. Starring Dan Advoyd and Vim Basinger. (28249406)
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News on the hour unit 7.00pm. 6.00am World Service 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 For Schools: Topic Resources 5-7 9.15 History Resources 9.35 Poetry Corner 8.45 Let's More 10.05 Scholl Mai Eri 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 1.04 Johnnile Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pm Topolski's Travels-1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.30 EFBS Worldwide. Simon and the Squad 2.30 World Service: World Report 2,45 Personal View 3.05 Cutbook 3.30 Jepon and the West-4.05 Scleno in Action 4.35 Five Aside 7.15 Nothing Ever Happens Here: five-part thriller by Bill Gillhern 7.30 Grossham Grange: final part 8.00 Euronux 8.45 Fanshawe on Five 9.30 A Century Remembered 10.00 News and sport 10.10 The Mor 12.00-12.00m News

All times in GMT. 4.30am The Week Ahead.
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## RADIO 3

5.55ara Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Haydn
(Symphony No 82 in C, The
Bear)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert cont:
Mendelssohn (Overture, Ruy

Mendelssohn (Overture, Ruy Bles, Op 95); Schumenn (Adagio and Allegro, Op 70); Mahler (Blumine); Strauss (Andante in C); Grieg (Holberg Suite, Op 40) 8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Schubert (Overture, Alfonso and Estrella, D 732: Hanover Bend under Roy Goodman; Fentasia in F minor, D 940: Murray Perahle, Redu Lupu, pianos; Symphony No 1 in D, D 82: Dresden State

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Orchestra under Wolfgang
Sawallisch)

9.35 Morning Sequence: SaintSaans, trenscr Liszt (Dance
Macabre: Leelle Howard, Magazier: Cesse Froward
piano); Haydn (Quartet in D,
Op 20 No 4: Brindisi String
Quartet); Spohr (Clarinet
Concerto No 1 in C minor, Op
26: Stuttgart RSO under
Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos,
with Ked heistert Rafae with Karl Leister); Berliot transcr Liszt (L'Idée fixe Andante amoroso): Bartók (String Quartet No 6: Brindisi String Quartet); Smetana (Vitava, Må Vlast: BBC Concert Orchestra under

Lionel Friend) 11.25 BBC Philharmor nonic under icques van Steen with Edith einemann, violen, plays Reger (Violin Concerto Prologue to a

Tragedy) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Anne Solie von Otter, mezzo, and Helmut Deutsch, piano, perform Grieg (Haugtussa, Op 67): Mahler (Es sungen drei Engel; Das Irdische Leben; Ich ging mit Lust; Rheinleg-endchen; Lob des hohen Verstands), live from St

John's, Smith Square, London (r)
2.00 Third Opinion (r)
2.45 BBC Welch SO under Nicholas
Cleobury, plays Stravinsky
(Monumentum pro Gesualdo
of Vernoss; Jeu de cartes); and
Markevitch (Suite, Rebus) (r)
3.45 Flute and Plane; James
Straver flute and leibe Dower, flute, and John Leneham, plano, play Poulenc (Sonata); Martin (Ballade);

# Beethoven (Two National Airs with Variations, Op 105 No 4 and Op 107 No 2; Prokofiev (Sonata in D, Op 94) (r) 4.40 Alkan on the Organ: Kevin Bower plays at St Mary Redelite, Bristol, Introduced by Paul Spicer. Alkan (Benedictus, Op 54, 12 Pedal Studies, 1871) 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: with Cacil Jankins in

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7.05 Third Ear: with Cecil Jenkine in Paris
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Lazarev, with Radovan Visitionic, norn, live from the Festivel Hell, London, plays Weber (Overture, Der Freischutz); Strauss (Hom Concerto No 2)
8.30 Poetry of the Bedouin

© CHOICE: Preserving in print the oral poetry of the nomade of the Sinal and Negev deserts has given Carton Beiley a privileged insight into much more than verse forms. Hashish amugglers use coded words in the poems they send to their ringleaders to notify to their ringleaders to notify them about the arrival of fresh supplies. Rhyming couplets are pressed into satirical service to reprove Bedouins for marrying beneath their station, and next Friday's continuation of Rachel Silver's concert-interval documentary

promises to reveal how Bedouin women are using poetry to strike back at 8.25 BBC Symphony Orchestra cont: Mahler (Symphony No 1) 9.30 Free Spirit: In the second of

station ree readings from Jonathan Raban's Hunting Mer Hearthreak, the author continues his journey into America's Deep South (f) 9.45 After Haydin; Joachim Trio plays Haydin (Trio in A, HXV 18): Ravel (Trio in A minor) 10.30 Meding It: Mark Russell and 10.30 Mixing It: Mark Russell and Robert Sandall present a mixture of musical styles

11.30 News 11.30 News
11.35 Composers of the Weelc
Gustley Holst (1874-1934).
(Two Songs without Words;
Suite No 2 in F for Military
Band; Capricolo; St Paul's
Suite; Fugal Overture; Ballet
music; The Perfect Fool (f)
1.80am Night School (FM only).
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RADIO 4 (a) Stereo on FM
5.55em Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
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8.25 Prayer for the Day 8.30
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8.90, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
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The Week on 4
8.43 Noeh's Archive: Johnny
Morris's view of snime's is
reflected in a recording from
the 98C Sound Archives

the BBC Sound Archives 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week; With Malvyn

Bragg and guests (s) 10.00-10.30 The Year in Question (FM only): Hunter Davies referees The quiz between The Sunday Times and The Observer (s) 10.00 News; Deity Service (LW only) 10.15 The Bible: (LW only). Hannah Gordon and David Suchet read from Proverbs 10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray

meets crime and mystery writer Ruth Rendell; plus features on Candlemess, where than remose; plus features on Candlemass, televising trials, polio vaccine and winter gardening, incl 11.00 News 11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4411. Vincent Duggleby takes calls on how to best manage vour money.

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1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; A Date in December by
Alex Ferguson: A
schoolbeacher returns to the
Lakes, where he spent his
childhood as an evacues. With
Coin MecLachian (s) (r)
3.30 Only Connect: in the last of
the series, Professor Akbar the series, Professor Akbar Ahmad talks to Zia Mohyeddin, one of Britain's best-known actors, with credits ranging from Shakespeare to The Jewel in the Crown (a)

There by Debbie isitt at the Drill Hell; Human properties at the icon gallery, Birmingham; and the spiritual music of Arvo Part's Miserere (s)

4.46 Short Story: The Luxicheon, by Someraet Maugham. Read by Robert Rietty

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather

6.00 News 6.30 Just a Minutel Nicholas

9.30 Just a Minutel Nicholas
Persons hosts the fast-tailing
panel game (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (FM
only): with Derek Cooper (r)
7.30-8.00 Tressure Islands (FM
only): Michael Rosen is joined
by Bel Mooney (r)
7.20 Women's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.00 Add Life to Yeers:

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community health
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Lesse) and her new boss, it consultant in public health medicine (John Dison). Essentially, the play is a debate between the proponents of old-time idealism, free of the money motive, and the smart new brains of the market econon it is not so much about the pation's health as about the nation's health as about the nation's character (s) 9.15 Wings and Landings: The prison journels of John Williams (a) 9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)

(s) 9.59 Weather 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (a)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Stories of Mystery. Mirni Nashi Holchi, by Lafcadio Hearn
11.00 I'm Sorry I'il Read That Again: Classic comedy from the Seventies with John Cleese, Tim Brooke-Taylor, Greeme Garden, Bill Oddie, David Hatch and Jo Kendali
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00am News 12.27 Weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast
12.43 FM closes/LW joins World Service

4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: includes features on the Haland Ensemble; 20 years of singing for Thomas Allen; and reviews of You Never Know Who's Out FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 199kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/208m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.

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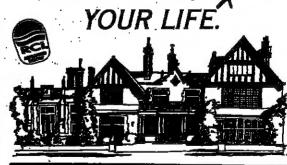
switer about a social shiefit who discovers his drewn house only to find it belongs to someone else (61752/23)

4.00em M\*A\*3\*H\* (1970): Black comedy that centres on the everyday lives of the statf of the Mobils Army Surgery Hospital, based near the front during the Konen War (34051). Ende at 5.59

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(2389883) 2:30 Top Class (40072A1) 3:25 Coursby Ways (6150798) 3:50 Ties Break (146864) 4:00 Dick Van Dyke Show (5628) 4:30 Gerneshows (2779425) 5:25 The Tony Randall Show (2137086) 8:00 The SetA-Vision Shopping Programme (4088338) 10.00 Jukebas Music Videos (5917851) 4:00em Last Jukebox Dance (27355)

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